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TITLE OF THE INVENTION

CONTAINER

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a Continuation-In-Part application of allowed United States Serial Number 09/165,064 filed October 2, 1998 which claims priority to allowed U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/844,225, filed April 18, 1997, which claims priority from Taiwanese Patent Application No. 86200066, filed on January 15, 1997 and Chinese Patent Application No. 97204313.7, 1997, filed on February 3, 1997 and U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/089,873 filed June 19, 1998, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a container for holding goods. The container can be for a liquid, such as a tumbler, a pitcher, a barware, a beer mug, a cocktail shaker, a jar with a lid, a lotion bottle, a canister and an ice bucket ; for instance, a container for consumable liquids, or the like. The container can also be for a solid, or for solids with liquids optionally present, such as a soap dish (the soap can be solid, but when wet may have some liquid associated with it), a wastebasket (which can hold a solid waste item and/or a liquid waste, such as paper and/or plastic), a bowl (e.g. to hold food and/or drinks, or other items one would store in a bowl), or a toothbrush holder to hold toothbrushes, a vase to hold flowers, a

salt shaker to hold and/or dispense salt, a pepper shaker to hold and/or dispense pepper, a tooth brush holder to receive tooth brushes, or the like.

The present invention also provides a utilitarian object having at least one decorative vessel connected to a useful object, wherein the decorative vessel is connected to or is a part of the useful object. Examples of such utilitarian objects include but not limited to a tissue box cover, a nail brush, a squeegee, a toilet brush and holder, a plunger and stand, a back scrubber, a kitchen brush, a hair brush, a tooth brush, a napkin ring, a telephone, a telephone receiver, a computer mouse, a yo-yo, a napkin holder, a mirror, a towel stand, a wine stopper, a coaster, a christmas ornament and a picture frame.

The container can be sized as desired; for instance to suit the purpose of the container. For example, the container may be sized so it is suitable for display on a shelf or a sink (e.g., a bathroom sink when it is a toothbrush holder or soapdish), or for use in the home to entertain guests (e.g., when it is a tumbler or bowl), or sized to be in a corner in a home or office (e.g., when it is a wastebasket). For instance, it can have a diameter of about four inches and a height of about seven inches when used as a tumbler.

The container includes a first vessel and a second vessel. The first vessel can be open or sealed and is capable of

receiving either liquids and/or solids or has means for receiving solids. The second vessel can be hollowed and can be positioned below, or above the first vessel, or in surrounding relationship with the first vessel, thus, an exterior wall of the first vessel can be in contact with an interior wall of the second vessel and vice versa. The first vessel can be refillable. The second vessel can contain at least one three-dimensional insoluble decorative structure or sculpture and/or at least one fluid, preferable two immiscible fluids each having a different density. When present, the three-dimensional insoluble structure is capable of being suspended and floats on top of one of the two immiscible liquids. The Three-dimensional insoluble structure can resemble animals, e.g., birds, mammals, insects and/or plants.

Thus the invention can relate to a container comprising a first either open or sealed vessel and a second sealed vessel. The second vessel contains at least one liquid, preferable two immiscible liquids, such having densities that one liquid sits atop the other, e.g., the lower liquid can occupy from 1/8 to about 1/3 the volume of the second vessel. The liquid can be a fluid such as air, or that which is normally liquid. The second vessel can be a top or closure for the first vessel, either removable therefrom or affixed thereto; or, the second vessel can be a base attached to the first vessel. The second vessel can contain at least one sculpture, insoluble in the liquids,

preferably somewhat weighted, so it floats on one liquid and is immersed in the other liquid within the second vessel. Either or both of the liquids can be colored, or clear and the sculpture can be decorative.

Documents cited in the following text are incorporated herein by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Containers for liquids and/or solids are varied. A consumable liquid such as soup, soft drinks, water, coffee, tea or the like may be contained in an open-mouthed container such as a cup. But, open-mouth containers are not aesthetically pleasing, and normally does not provide the stability desired.

A sealed container containing two immiscible liquids, one or both of which is optionally colored is known; for instance, a "wave" device which pivots back and forth generates the appearance of a wave. In addition, it is also known in the art to suspend and/or dispose a three-dimensional sculpture atop one of the two immiscible fluids. Such container is commonly shaped as a paper weight. However, it is believed that heretofore a tumbler and/or a container has not been combined with such sealed container.

Presently available containers for either liquid and/or solids are predominantly an open-mouth container which do not provide features that stabilizes the basis of the containers in order to prevent the container from tipping over. In addition,

the available containers do not also provide an aesthetically pleasing base or top which creates an aquatic motif.

Reference is made to Taiwanese laid-open publication No. 340349 laid open on September 11, 1998, which is believed not to disclose or claim the present invention.

OBJECTS AND SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

An object of the invention may include any of: providing a novel container; providing a container which in certain embodiments may be refillable, providing a container which permits a wide range of design possibilities not dictated by the function of the container; providing a container which is suitable for holding any consumable hot and/or cold and/or lukewarm liquids, such as milk, water, soft drinks, coffee, tea, soup or the like, or for holding any solids such as a toothbrush, soap, paper, plastic, solid food or the like; providing a container which is aesthetically pleasing and thus encourages the user to refill and reuse it and thereby provide an environmental benefit; and, providing a container having a hollow decorative vessel capable of containing a three dimensional ornamental sculpture disposed in two immiscible liquids which, for example, can resemble an aquatic motif.

The invention provides a container comprising a first vessel and a second vessel. The first vessel is hollow and open and the second vessel is hollow and sealed. The second vessel contains two immiscible liquids; the liquids have densities such

that one liquid sits atop the other. The lower liquid can occupy from about 1/8 to about 1/2, e.g., about 1/8 to about 1/3 the volume of the second vessel.

The second vessel can be a top or closure for the first vessel, either removable therefrom or affixed thereto; or, the second vessel can be a base attached to the first vessel. The second vessel can contain at least one sculpture, insoluble in the liquids, preferably somewhat weighted, so it floats on one liquid and is immersed in the other liquid within the second vessel. Either or both of the liquids can be colored, and the sculpture can be decorative. If a removable top, the second vessel can snap on or screw into the first vessel.

Thus, the invention can provide a container comprising a first vessel and a second vessel, wherein the first and second vessels are connected, the first vessel can be open or sealed and comprises means for containing desired goods in its interior, and the second vessel comprises a hollow decorative vessel comprising means for permitting a user to view a sculpture within its interior.

The first vessel can comprise an open mouth, may or may not have a removable cover or can be sealed. The contents contained in the first vessel can be dispensed from by way of pouring. The removable cover can be a snap-on type cover (with a receiving portion for the cover on the open mouth bottle), or a threaded cap (with mating threads on the open mouth bottle).

Thus, as can be understood from this description, the vessels can be any desired shape.

The second vessel can contain at least two different immiscible liquids. The liquid can be a fluid such as air. The liquids have densities such that one sits atop the other. The second vessel can optionally contain particles capable of being temporarily in suspension when the liquids in the second vessel is shaken or agitated.

The second vessel preferably contains at least one sculpture, insoluble in the liquids, and somewhat weighted so it floats on the lower liquid and is within the upper liquid. Either or both the liquids can be colored. The liquids preferably fill the second vessel.

The container can comprise means for receiving that which is to be contained, e.g., a solid or liquid, or both, i.e., the container has a means defining an opening in an interior open space in the first vessel for receiving and holding that which is to be contained.

The container can be constructed such that the first vessel is positioned below the second vessel, and optionally serves to display the aesthetic sculpture suspended in the second vessel; e.g., the second vessel can be a lid or top or closure for the first vessel; the second vessel can also be positioned above the first vessel; or the first vessel can be in surrounding relationship with the second vessel such as that an exterior wall

of the first vessel is in contact with an interior wall of the second vessel and vice versa; or that the first vessel and the second vessel can share one common surface.

The first vessel can be any desired color including clear, as can the second vessel; e.g., the second vessel or the first can be translucent or frosted.

The container can also be constructed such that there are means for permitting a user to view a sculpture within the second vessel by viewing discrete portions of the interior of the second vessel, i.e., the second vessel can have discrete portions which prohibit viewing the contents of the second vessel. In other words, the second vessel can be selectively clear or transparent or translucent or selectively colored or frosted.

The first vessel can be refillable or replaceable.

The insoluble three-dimensional sculpture suspended within the decorative vessel could resemble animals, i.e., birds, mammals, insects and/or plants, and could take the shape of a fish, a frog, a boat, a duck, a turtle, a swan, a dolphin, a penguin and the like. There is preferably at least one insoluble three-dimensional sculpture and each is preferably weighted at the bottom as to provide, ensure and maintain an upright position irrelevant to the position of the decorative vessel.

When the second vessel is a base for the first vessel, it helps to support the container.

The invention also provides a container comprising a hollow decorative vessel capable of containing at least one liquid, preferable two immiscible liquids having the insoluble three-dimensional sculpture suspended and afloat above one of the liquids and within the other. The vessel has an upper end and a lower end.

The present invention can function as identify the source or origin of the product, to distinguish the product from those of others, and, to convey an image.

The present invention provides a novel container having a second vessel containing a decorative device for displaying an ornamental object and a first vessel for containing any goods which may be either solid and/or liquid.

The invention comprehends methods of making and using the container, e.g., a method for storing a desired item by placing or pouring it into an inventive container.

The present invention also provides a useful object, wherein the decorative vessel is connect to or is part of the useful object. Thus, for example, a wine stopper having a as a decorative vessel, the bulbous portion of the wine stopper (See Figure 13).

These and other objects and embodiments of the invention are provided in, or are obvious from, the following detailed description. Theses drawings are by way of example is by no means limiting to the invention.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

In the following detailed description, reference will be made to the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 shows a side view embodiment of a tumbler in accordance of the invention;

Fig. 2 shows a bottom view of a tumbler of the invention;

Fig. 3 shows a top view of the tumbler of the invention;

Fig. 4 shows a top view of the tumbler with decorative sculptures in liquids of the second vessel;

Fig. 5 shows a cross-section view of the first vessel of the tumbler of the invention (along lines A-A of Fig. 2;

Fig. 6 shows a cross-section view of the sealed second vessel of the tumbler (which can contain the liquids) of the invention (along lines B-B4 Fig. 3);

Fig. 7 shows an cross-section view along lines C-C4 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 8 shows a side view of a soap dish in accordance of the invention;

Fig. 9 shows a bottom of the soap dish of the invention;

Fig. 10 shows a cross-sectional view of the soap dish of the invention;

Fig. 11 shows a the top view of the soap dish of the invention;

Fig. 12 shows a view of the top of the soap dish of the invention showing ridges for holding soap;

Fig. 13 shows a top and side view of a wine stopper in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 14 shows a canister in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 15 shows a paper tower stand in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 16 shows a tissue paper holder in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 17 shows an ice bucket in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 18 shows a cocktail shaker in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 19 shows a pet bowl in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 20 shows a nail brush in accordance with the present invention;

Figs. 21A and 21B show a series of variations of back scrubbers in accordance with the present invention;

Figs. 22A and 22B shows cocktail barware in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 23 shows a christmas ornament in accordance with the present invention;

Figs. 24A to 24D show a series of variations of a telephone set in accordance with the present invention wherein the decorative vessel can be at the center of the telephone receiver as shown, or at the ear piece or the mouth piece or both ear and mouth pieces, or can be at the base of the telephone set in accordance with the present invention;

Figs. 25A to 25C shows barware of different sizes in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 26 shows a beer mug in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 27 shows a pitcher in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 28 shows a salad bowl in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 29 shows a waste basket in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 30 shows a tissue cover in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 31A to 31F shows variations of toothbrush holders in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 32 shows a cotton ball jar in accordance with the present invention;

Figs. 33A to 33G show a series of variations of a toilet brush and holder in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 34 shows a napkin ring in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 35 shows a squeegee in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 36 shows a plunger and a stand in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 37A to Fig. 37G shows various buoy as a three-dimensional decorative structure in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 38A to 38F shows various embodiment of a computer mouse in accordance with the present invention wherein the decorative vessel can be placed anywhere in the computer mouse;

Figs. 39A to 39H shows a series of variations of soap dishes in accordance with the present invention;

Figs 40A to 40C shows a series of variations of tumblers in accordance with the present invention;

Figs 41A and 41B shows two embodiments of a mirror in accordance with the present invention;

Figs 42A to 42L shows a series of lotion bottles in accordance with the present invention

Fig. 43 shows a yo-yo in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 44 shows a napkin holder in accordance with the present invention;

Figs. 45A and 45B show variations of a hair brush in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 46 shows a coaster in accordance with the present invention;

Figs 47A to 47C shows a series of variations of kitchen brushes in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 48 shows a toilet brush in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 49 shows a salt shaker in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 50 shows a pepper shaker in accordance with the present invention; and

Fig. 51 shows a clock in accordance with the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Reference is made to all of the Figures wherein as preferred embodiments, containers Fig. 1 and Fig. 8 are illustrated.

As will be appreciated from the following, Figures 1 and 8 are containers (Figs. 2 to 7 show aspects for making the container of Fig. 1 and Figs. 9-12 show aspects for making the Fig. 8 container). Each has an open vessel 4 atop a sealed vessel 5. The open vessel 4 is connected to the sealed vessel 5.

The sealed vessel 5 can contain a first liquid 1, a second liquid 2, at least one decorative structure 3 suspended and contained within the sealed vessel 5 wherein the first liquid 1, or the second liquid 2 or both the first and the second liquids are optionally-colored, with sealing means 6 between the open vessel 4 and the sealed vessel 5 and the sealed vessel 5 is such that there is substantially no admixture of the content in the open vessel 4 and the first and the second liquids contained within the sealed vessel 5. The decorative structure 3 is weighted as to maintain and ensure an upright configuration and wherein the decorative structure 3 is insoluble in both the first and the second liquids and floats on the first liquid 1 and is within second liquid 2. Thus, containers Fig. 1 and Fig. 8 are aesthetically pleasing containers.

The decorative structure can be a sculpture or other aesthetically pleasing device; or can be a form of advertisement, such as a trademark or logo (which also can be on the face of the first or second vessels).

It is to be further understood that any utilitarian description herein of any component of the container of the invention, is not to be construed as a statement that the appearance of any component of the invention is necessarily only functional in nature. Surface ornamentation or configuration of the container or any components thereof are attributable to ornamental considerations.

In Figures 13 to 51, element 40" is the second vessel containing the at least two immiscible liquids and at least one decorative three-dimensional insoluble sculpture.

Having thus described in detail preferred embodiments of the present invention, it is to be understood that the invention defined by the appended claims is not to be limited to particular details set forth in the above description as many apparent variations thereof are possible without departing from the spirit or scope of the present invention.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. In a container, wherein the improvement comprises:
the container having a base comprised of
a sealed vessel containing
a first liquid,
a second liquid;
at least one structure,
wherein the structure is insoluble in both the
first and second liquids, and floats on the first liquid, the
first and second liquids are immiscible, the first and second
liquids have densities such that the first liquid is beneath the
second liquid,
and the volume of the second liquid is greater than the
volume of the first liquid.
2. The container of claim 1, wherein an open vessel
is annealed to the sealed vessel.
3. The container of claim 1, wherein the structure is
decorative.
4. The container of claim 1, wherein the structure is
a fish.
5. The container of claim 1, wherein the structure is
a turtle.
6. The container of claim 1, wherein the structure is
a penguin.

7. The container of claim 1, wherein the structure is a duck.
8. The container of claim 1, wherein the structure is a swan.
9. The container of claim 1, wherein the structure is a dolphin.
10. The container of claim 1, wherein the structure is a sailboat.
11. The container of claim 1, wherein the structure is a frog.
12. The container of claim 1, wherein the first liquid is optionally colored.
13. The container of claim 1, wherein the second liquid is optionally colored.
14. The container of claim 1, wherein the first and the second liquids are optionally colored.
15. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the open vessel is a tumbler.
16. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the open vessel is a tumbler with a porous cover capable of receiving a toothbrush.
17. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the open vessel is a garbage pail.
18. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the open vessel is a soap dish.

19. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the open vessel is a pitcher.

20. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the open vessel is bowl.

21. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sealed connection to the open vessel is a threaded connection.

22. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sealed vessel containing means defining an opening, and a closure therefor, allowing for filling or refilling of the vessel with the first liquid and the second liquid and preventing admixture of the first and second liquids with content contained in the open vessel.

23. The container as claimed in claim 1, wherein the sealed vessel has a decorative three-dimensional object positioned within it in surrounding relationship to an interior of the sealed vessel.

24. A container comprising:

a first vessel for containing desired goods therein;

and

a second vessel connected in a sealed relationship to said first vessel for containing at least one liquid and at least one insoluble decorative structure.

25. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the liquid in the second vessel is air.

26. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the insoluble decorative structure is three-dimensional.

27. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the second vessel optionally contains at least one three-dimensional decorative structure.

28. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the second vessel contains two immiscible liquids.

29. The container as claimed in claim 24 wherein the second vessel is positioned above the first vessel.

30. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the second vessel is positioned below the first vessel.

31. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the second vessel is in surrounding relationship with the first vessel such that the second vessel is disposed within the first vessel.

32. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the second vessel is in surrounding relationship with the first vessel such that the first vessel is disposed within the second vessel.

33. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the second vessel is in surrounding relationship with the first vessel such that an exterior wall of the first vessel is in contact with an interior wall of the second vessel.

34. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the second vessel is in surrounding relationship with the first

vessel such that an exterior wall of the second vessel is in contact with an interior wall of the first vessel.

35. The container as claimed in claim 28, wherein one of the two immiscible liquids is colored gas.

36. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the decorative three-dimensional structure is not miscible with the second liquid.

38. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the decorative three-dimensional structure resembles a plant.

39. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the decorative three-dimensional structure resembles an animal.

40. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the decorative three-dimensional structure resembles an insect.

41. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the decorative three-dimensional structure resembles a microorganism.

42. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the decorative three-dimensional structure is potpourri.

43. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the decorative three-dimensional structure is man-made.

44. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the decorative three-dimensional structure is made from silk.

45. The container as claimed in claim 24, wherein the container is a dish.

46. A utilitarian object selected from the group consisting of: a waste basket, a barware, a pitcher, a beer mug,

a cocktail shaker, a jar with a lid, a tissue cover, a vase, a salt shaker, a pepper shaker, a lotion bottle, a nail brush, a squeegee, a plunger and stand, a toilet brush and holder, a toothbrush holder, a toilet brush, a back scrubber, a kitchen brush, a hair brush, a tooth brush, a soap dish, a salad bowl, a pet dish, a tumbler, a canister, a wine bottle insulator, an ice bucket, a napkin ring, a telephone, a telephone receiver, a computer mouse, a yo-yo, a clock, a napkin holder, a clothing hanger, a mirror, a towel stand, an ornament and a wine stopper, comprising a decorative vessel containing at least one [liquid or] fluid and at least one decorative element.

47. A utilitarian object selected from the group consisting of: a waste basket, a barware, a pitcher, a beer mug, a cocktail shaker, a jar with a lid, a tissue cover, a vase, a salt shaker, a pepper shaker, a lotion bottle, a nail brush, a squeegee, a plunger and stand, a toilet brush and holder, a toothbrush holder, a toilet brush, a back scrubber, a kitchen brush, a hair brush, a tooth brush, a soap dish, a salad bowl, a pet dish, a tumbler, a canister, a vase, a wine bottle insulator, an ice bucket, a napkin ring, a telephone, a telephone receiver, a computer mouse, a yo-yo, a clock, a napkin holder, a mirror, a towel stand, an ornament and a wine stopper, comprising a decorative vessel that is connected to or is a part of the utilitarian object, the decorative vessel containing at least one [liquid or] fluid and at least one decorative element.

48. The utilitarian object as claimed in claim 47,
wherein the liquid is air.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed and claimed is a container, such as a tumbler, a toothbrush holder, a garbage pail, a soap dish, a pitcher, a bowl, a decorative object or an utilitarian object, which is affixed to a sealed vessel containing a first liquid, a second liquid, at least one structure, wherein the structure is insoluble in both the first and the second liquids and floats on the first liquid, the first and the second liquids are immiscible, the first and the second liquids have densities such that the first liquid is beneath the second liquid, the volume of the second liquid is greater than the volume of the first liquid, the first liquid, or the second liquid or both of the first and the second liquids are optionally-colored and methods for making and using the container. The structure suspended in the sealed vessel is weighted so it can maintain its upright configuration irrelevant to the position of the sealed vessel.

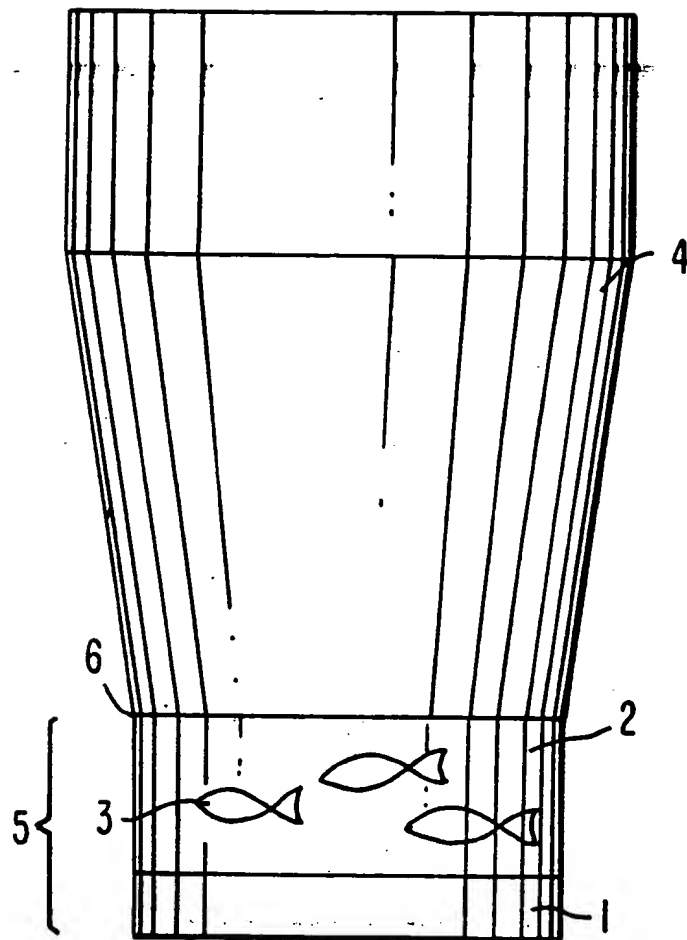
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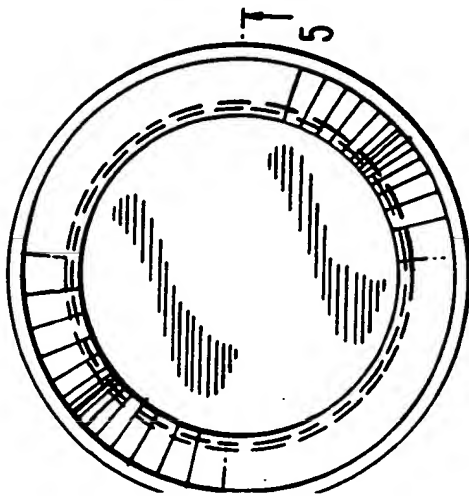


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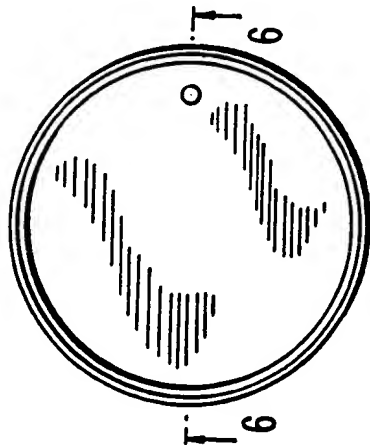
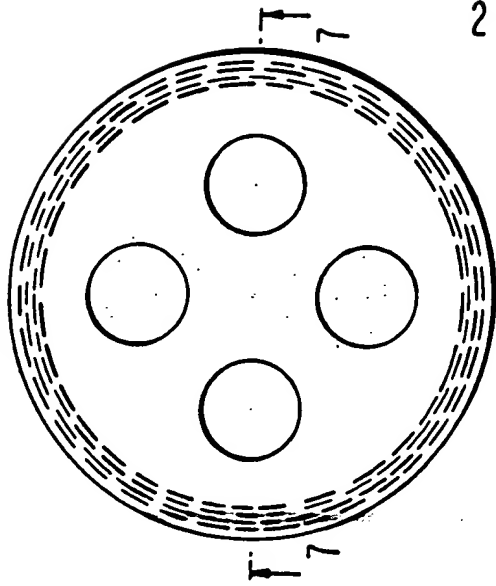


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FIG. 5

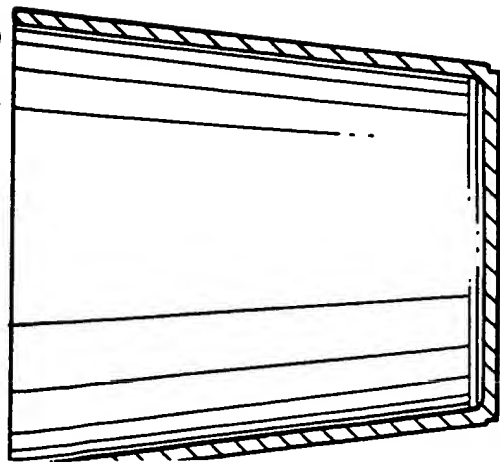


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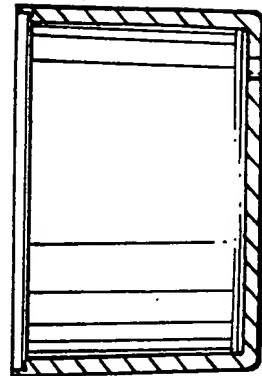
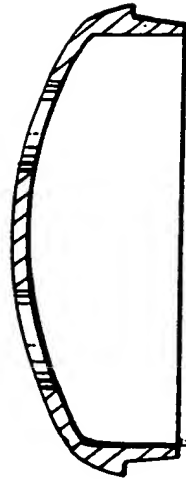
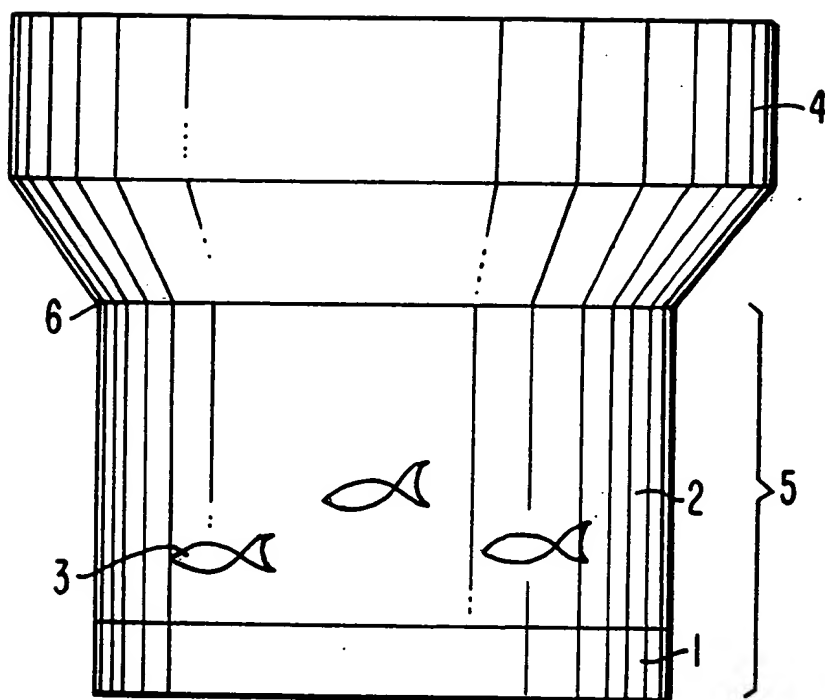


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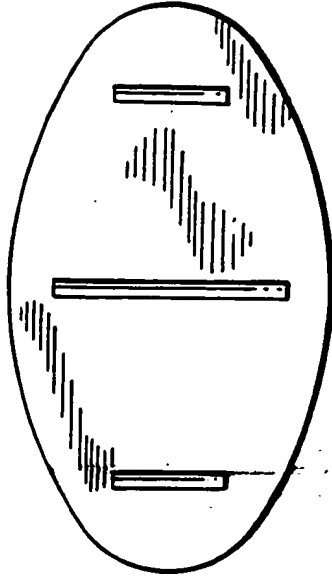


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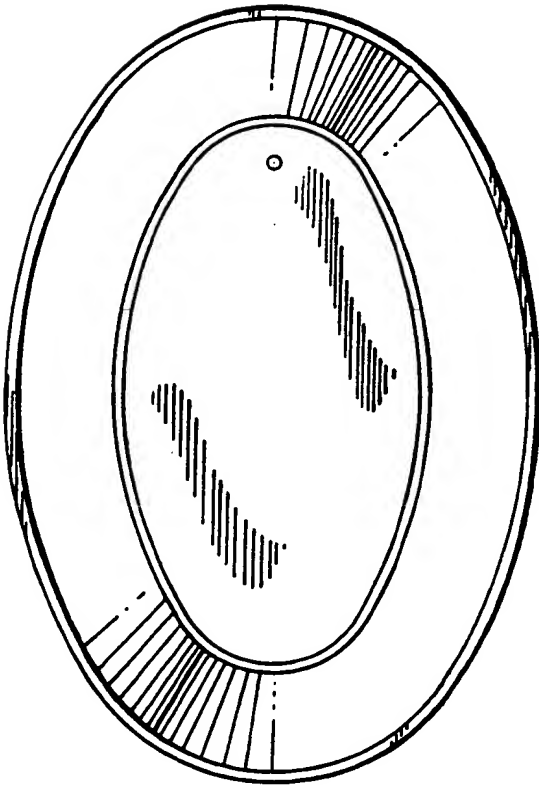


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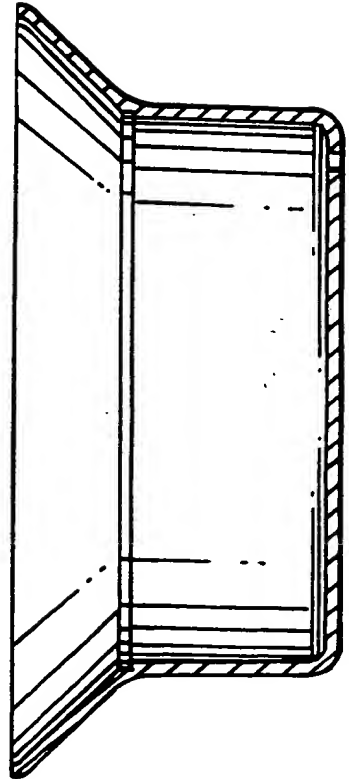


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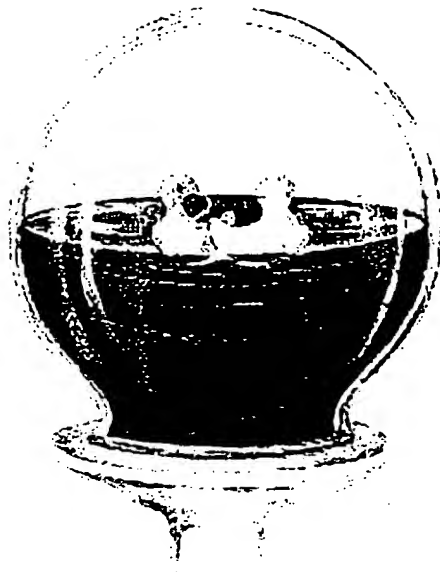


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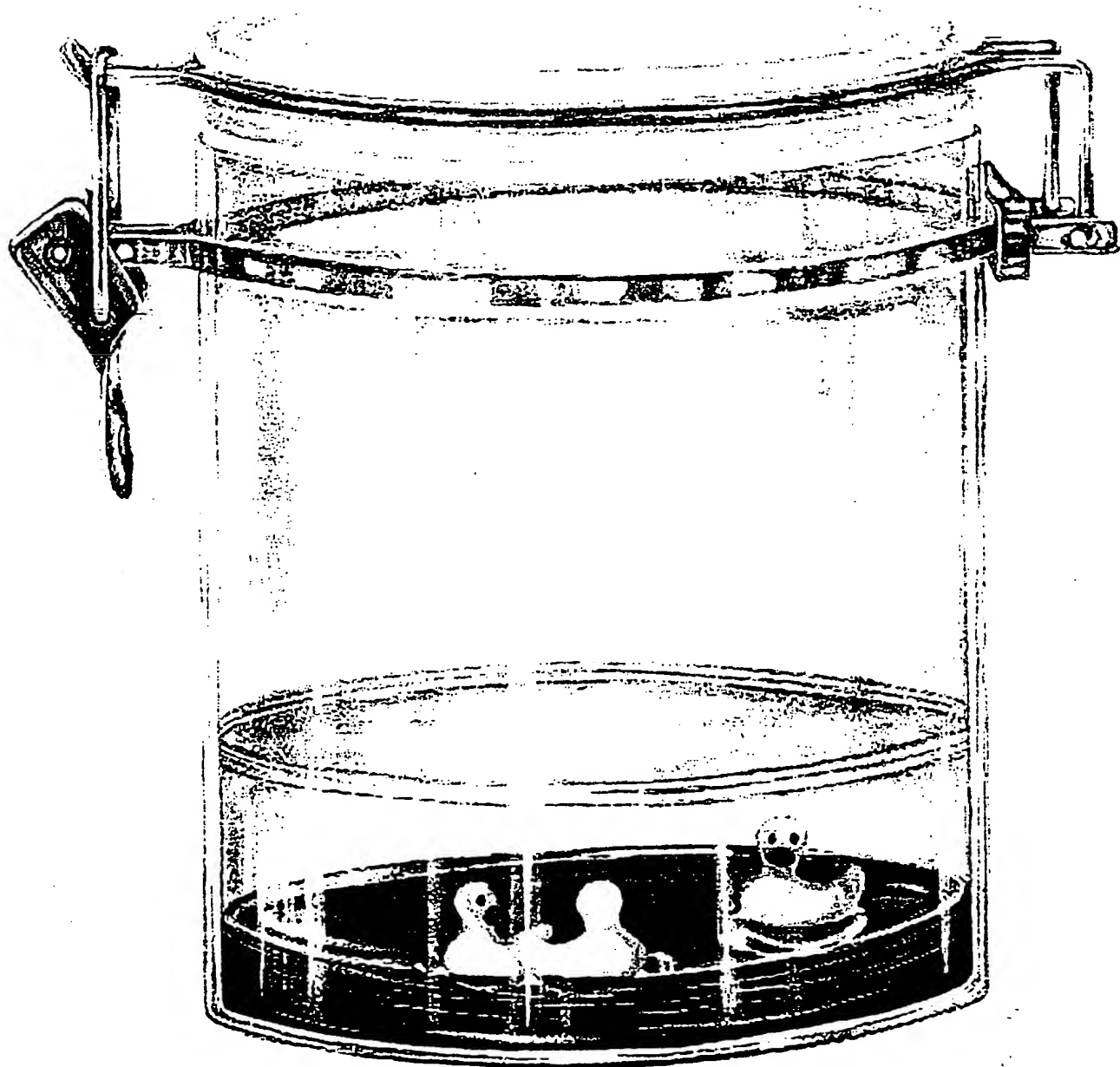
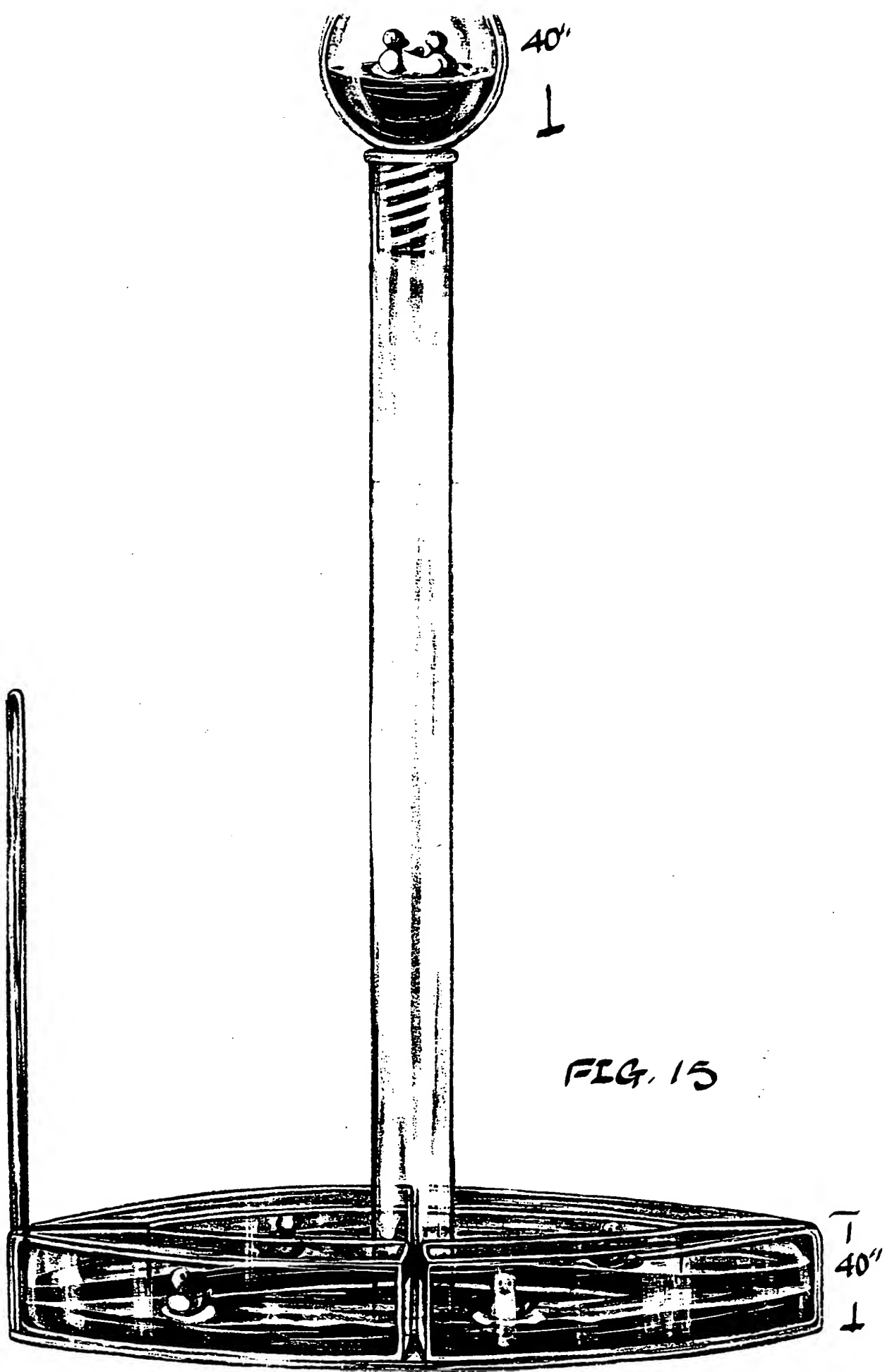


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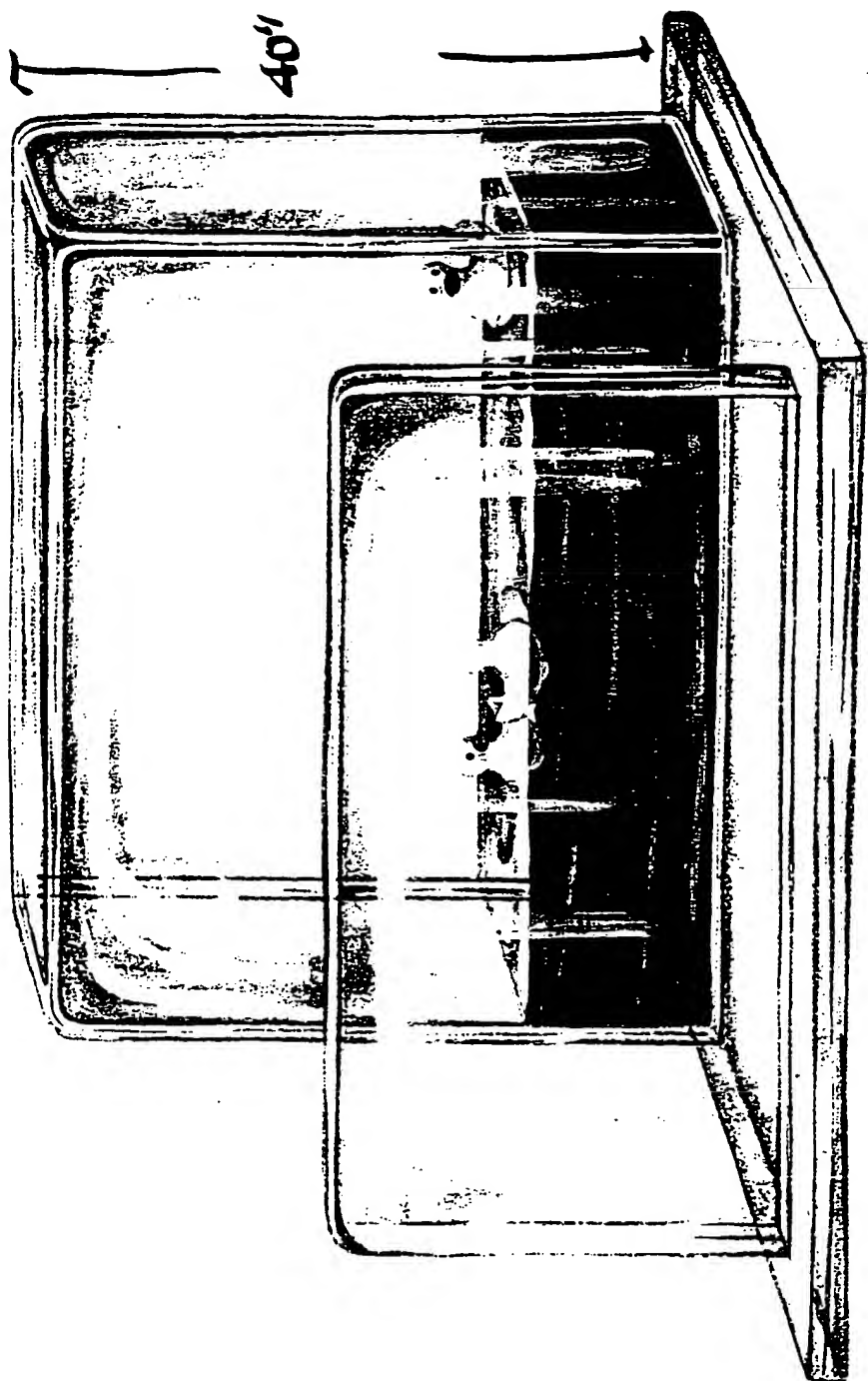


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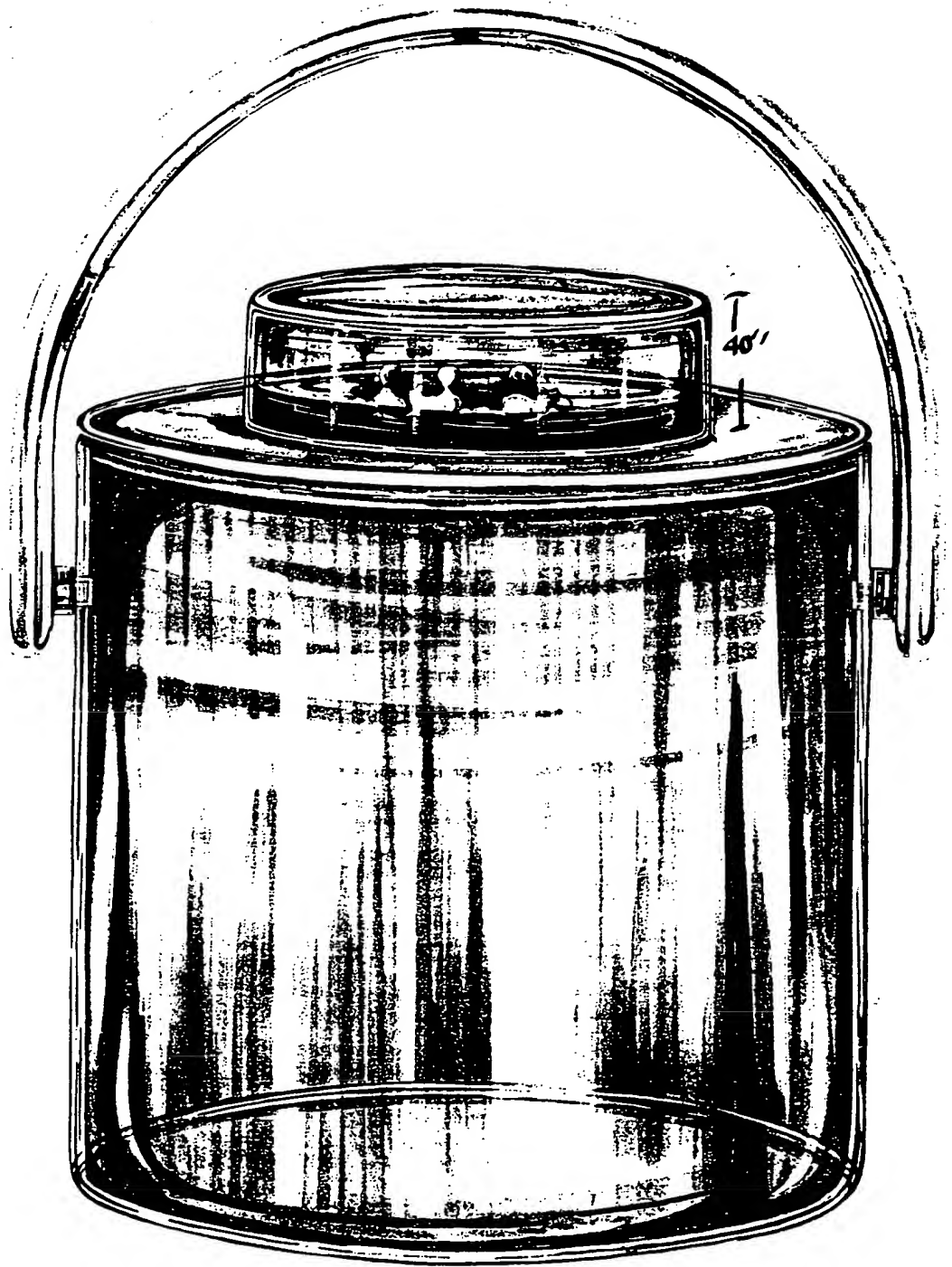


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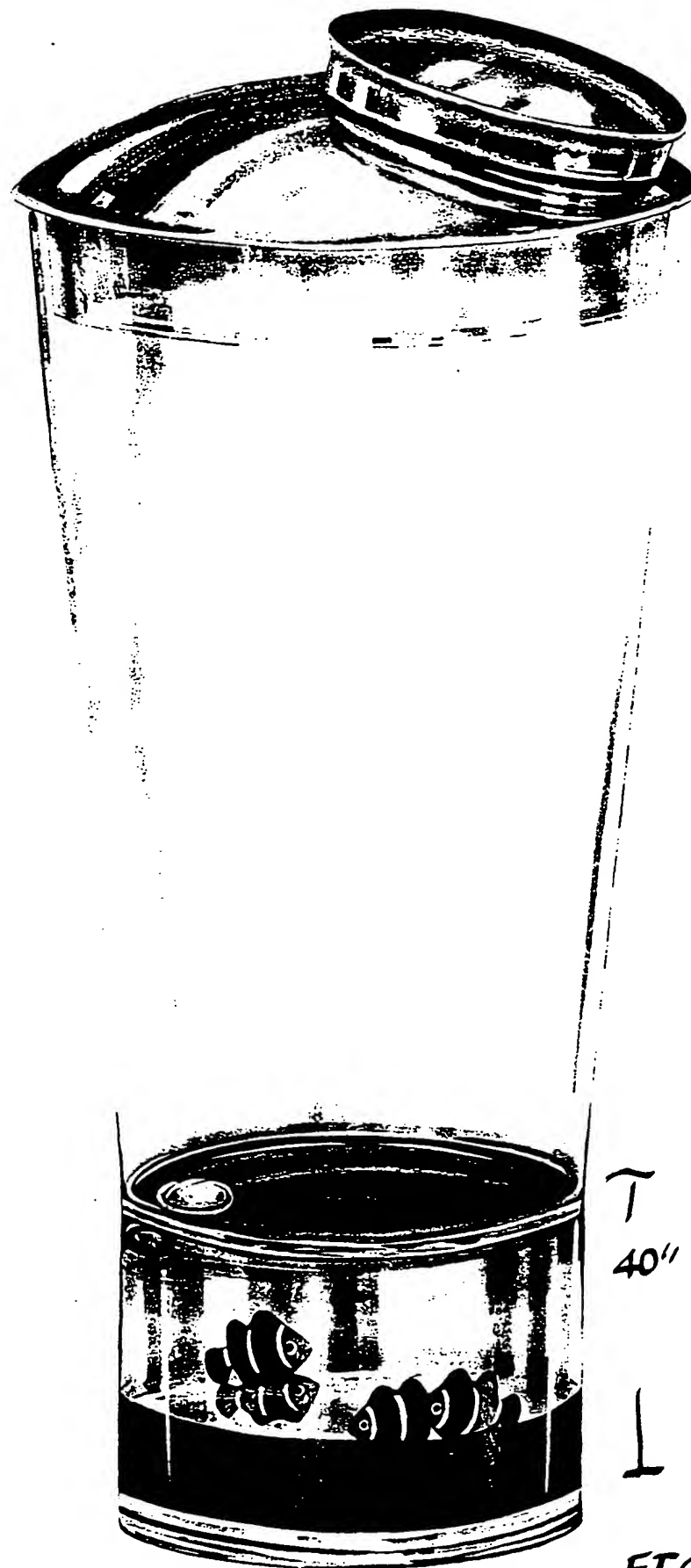
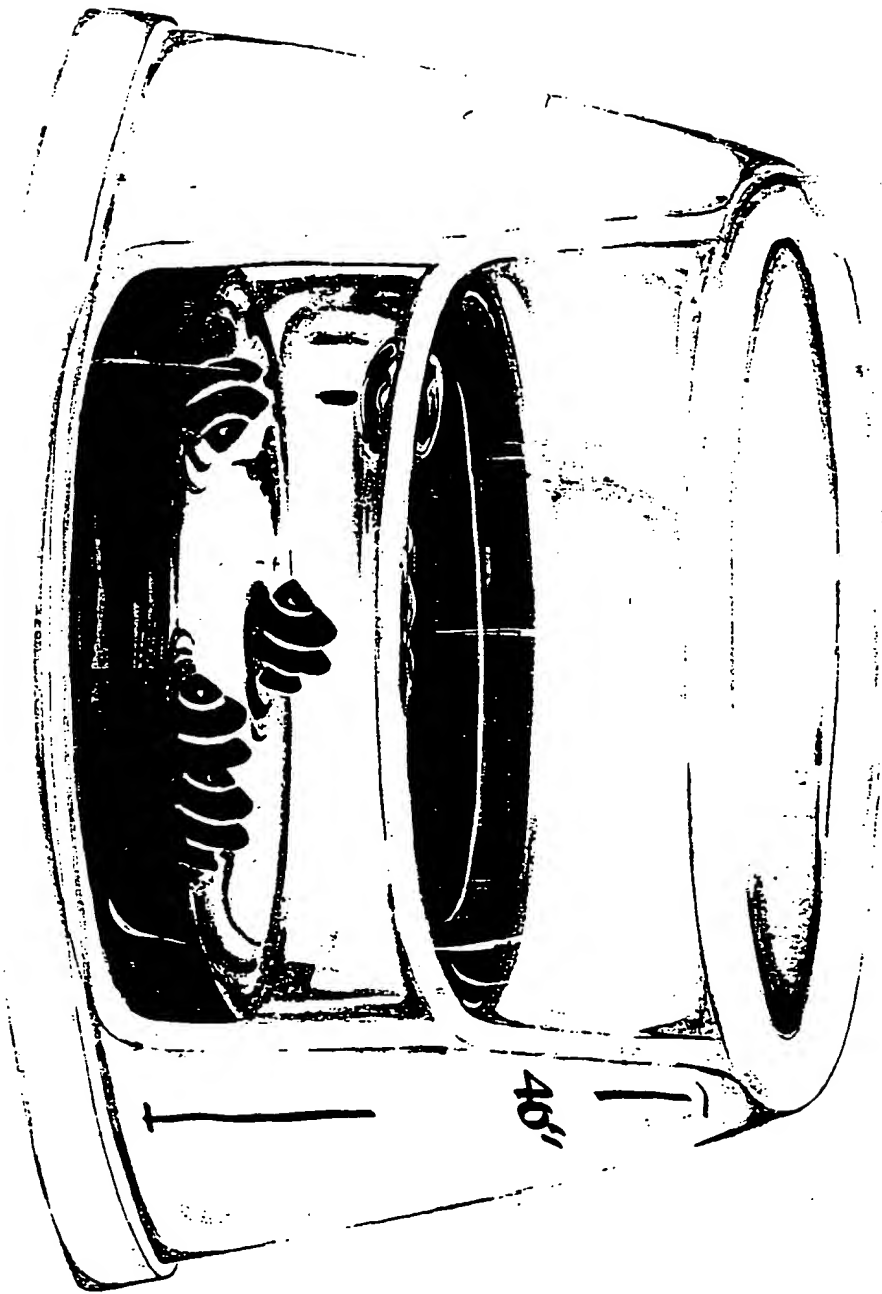


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FIG. 19



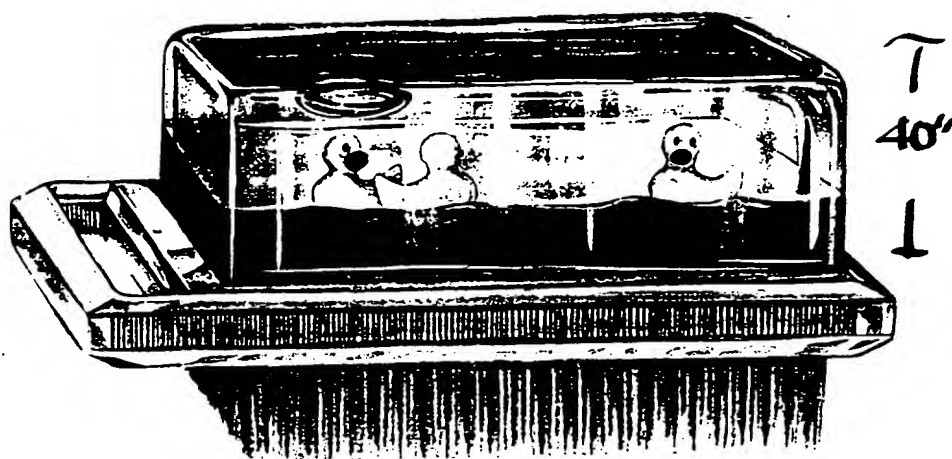
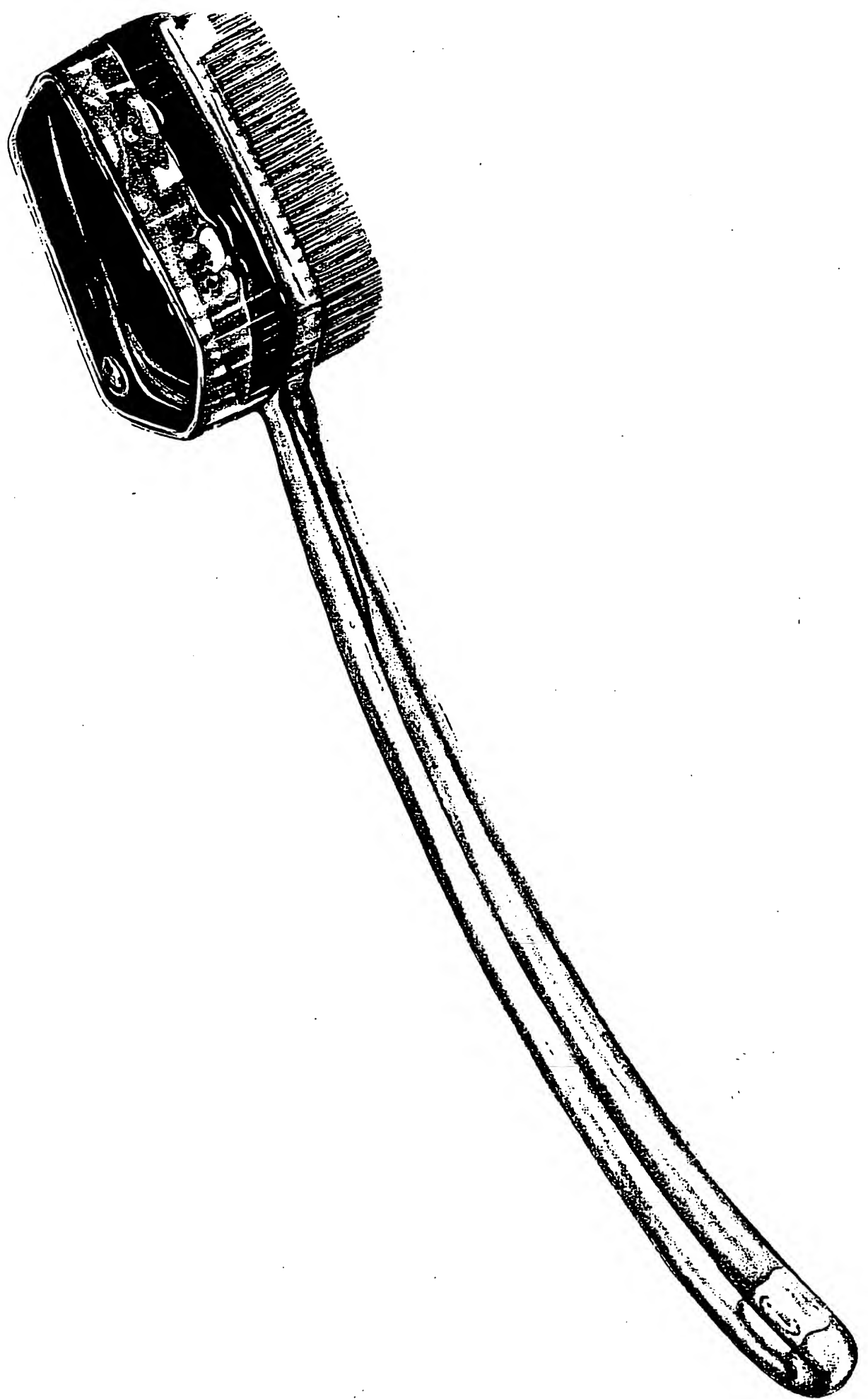
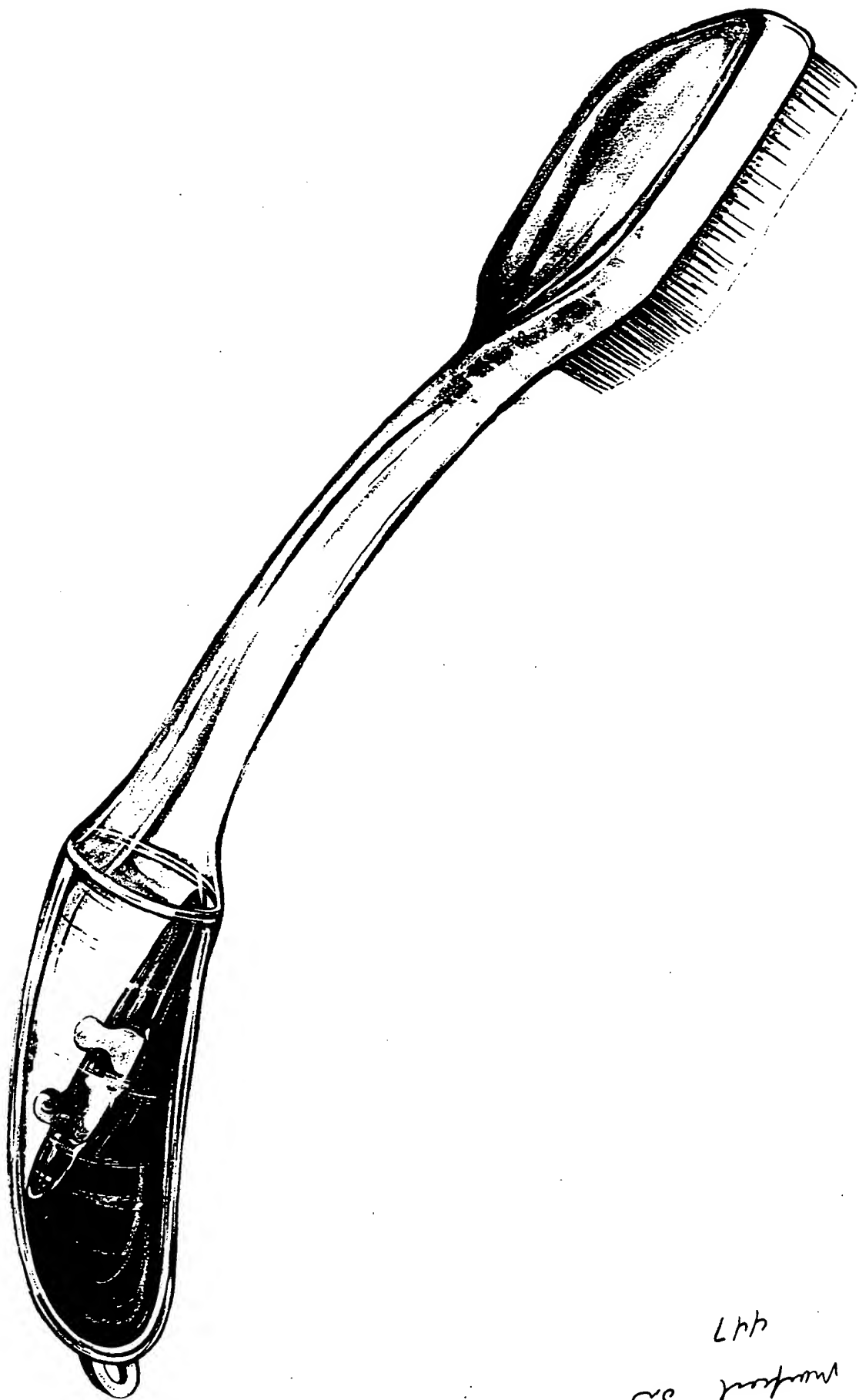


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FIG. 22A

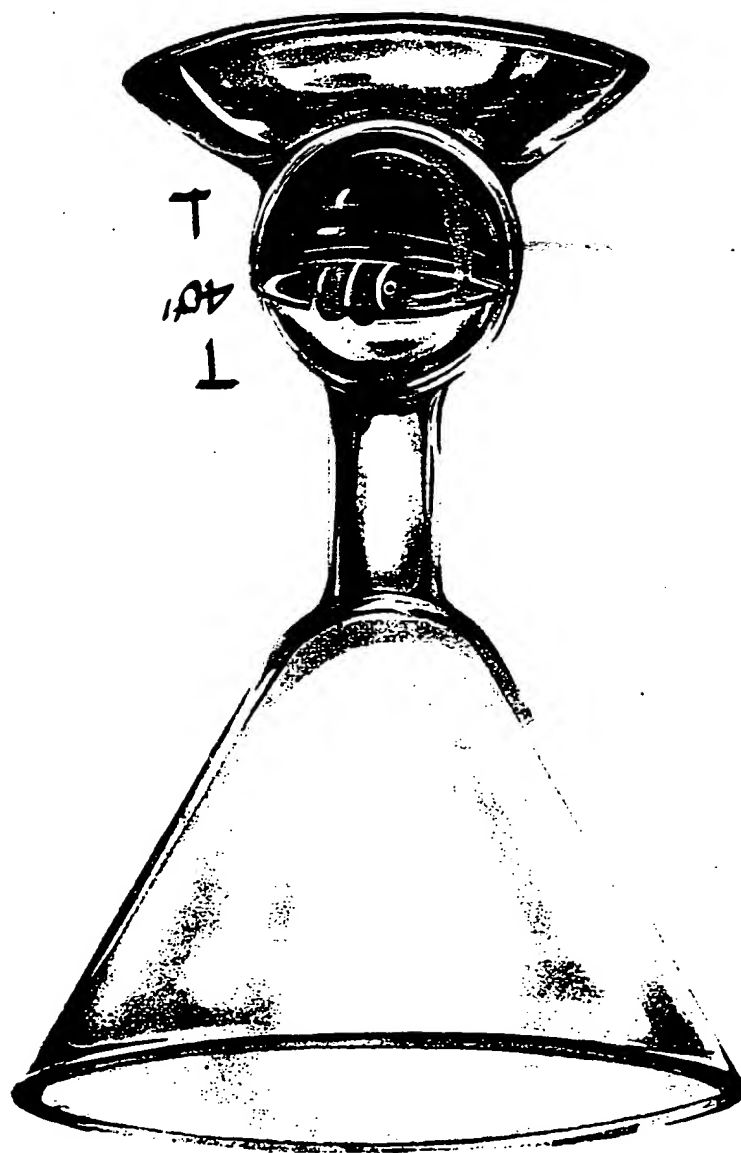


FIG. 22B

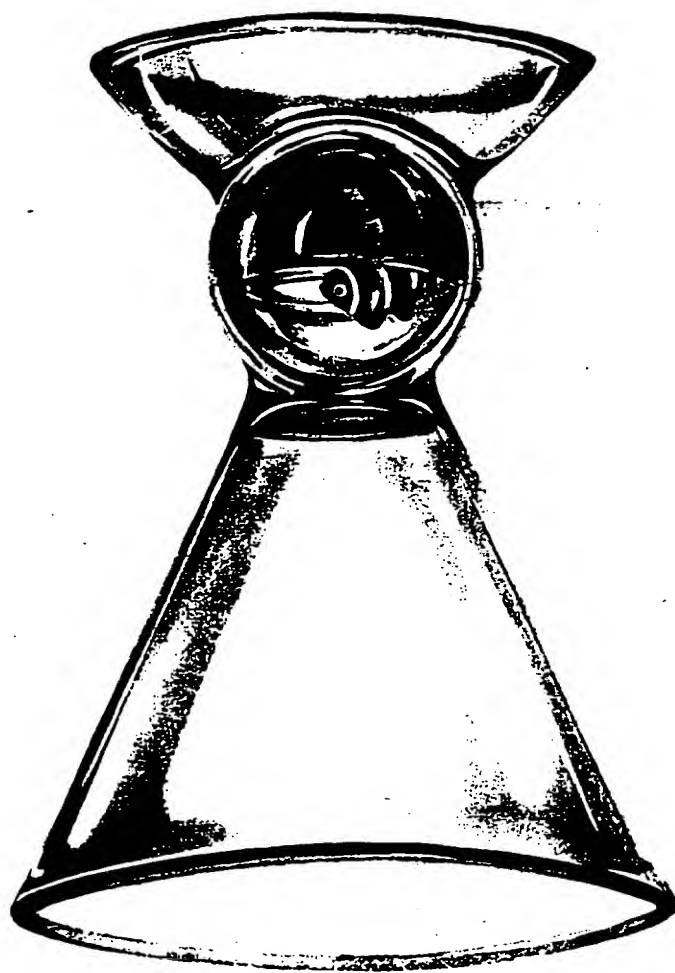
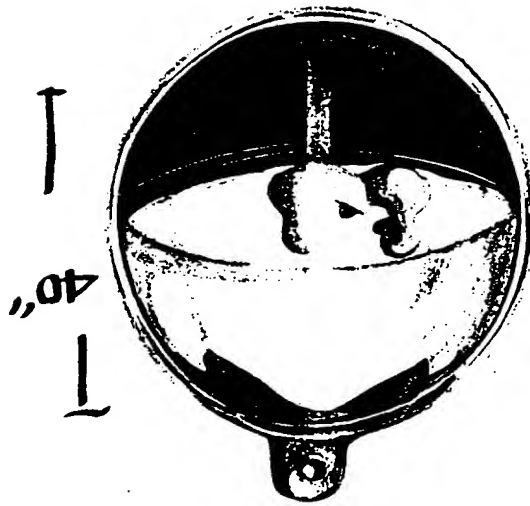


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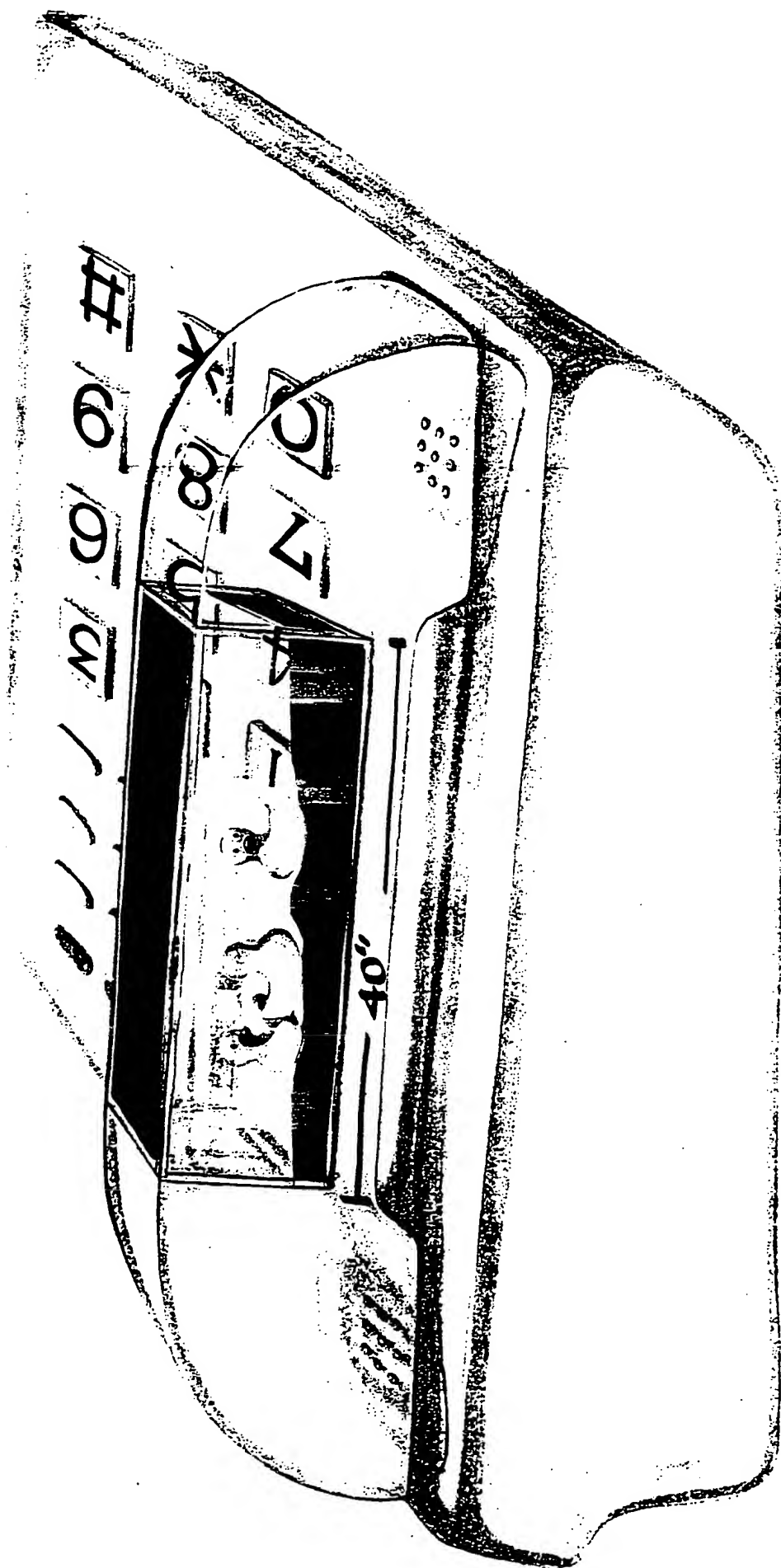


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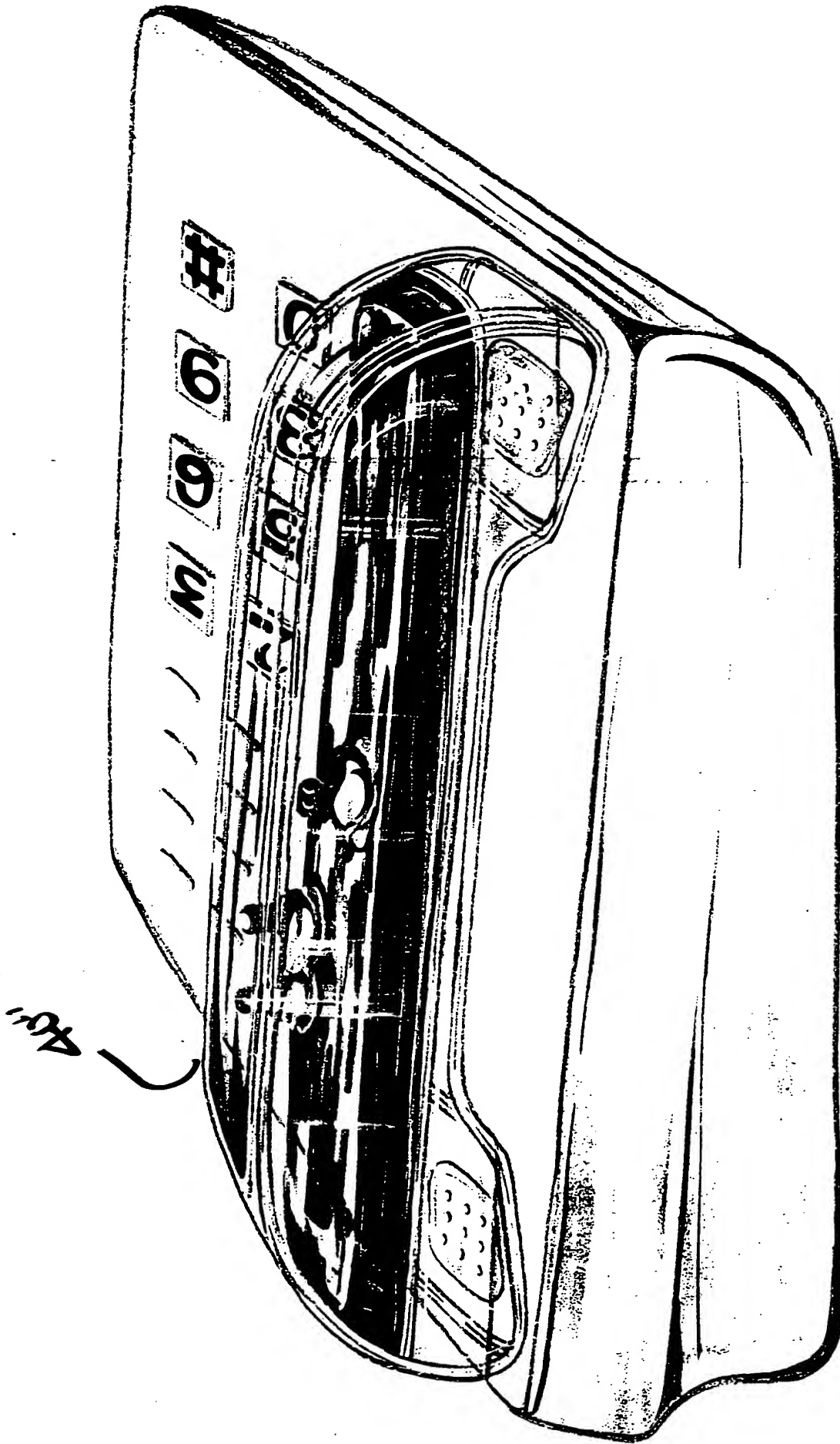


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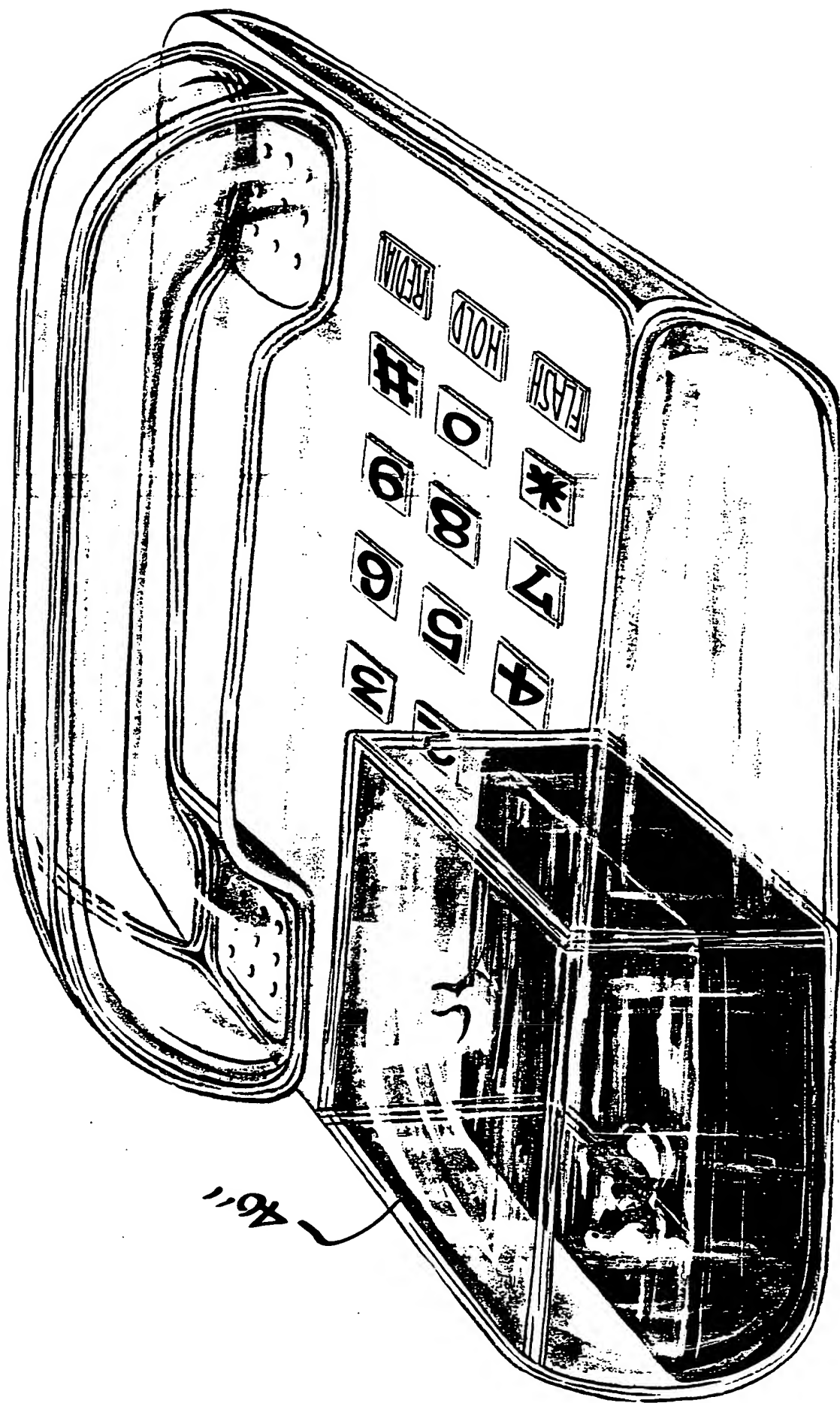


FIG. 24C

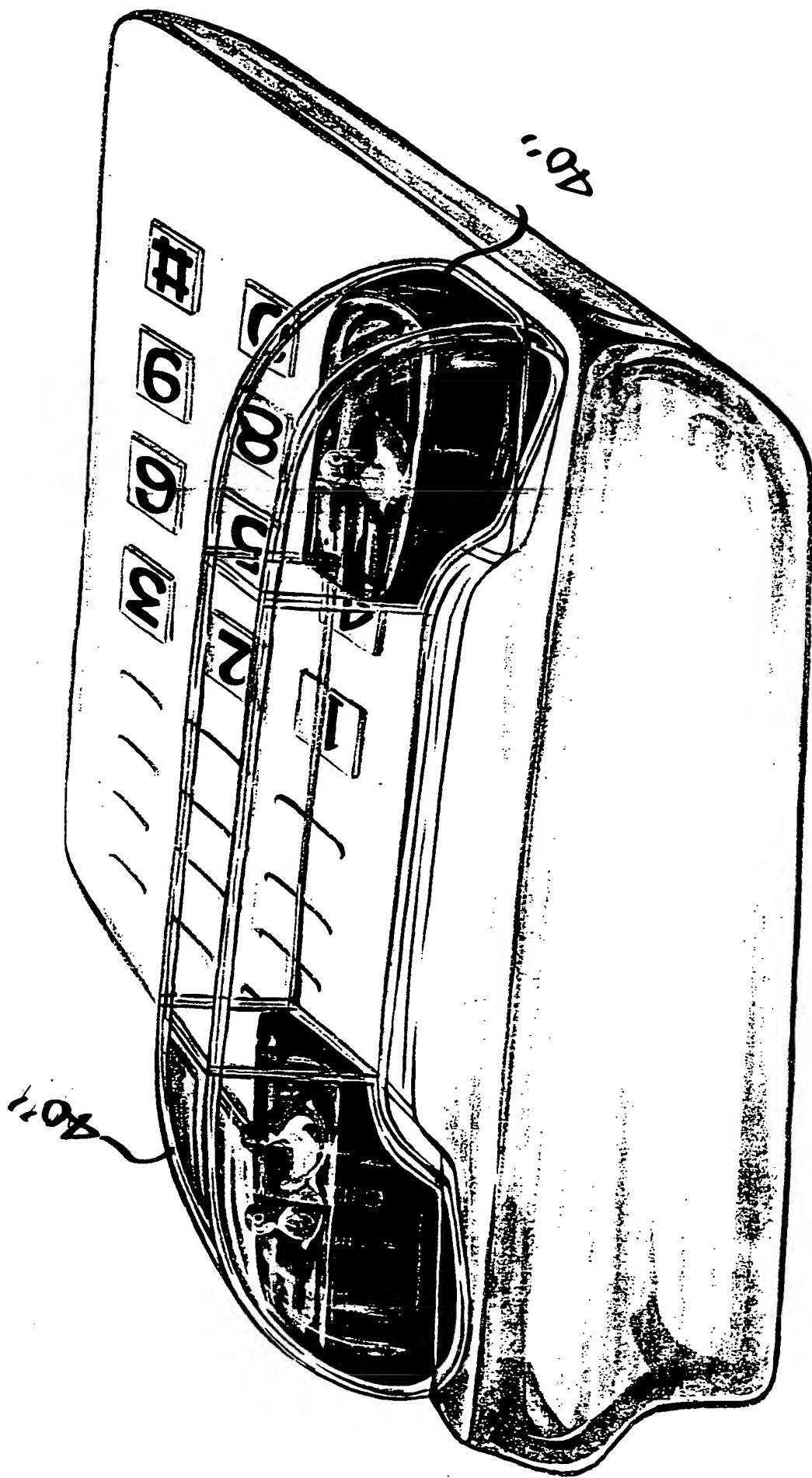


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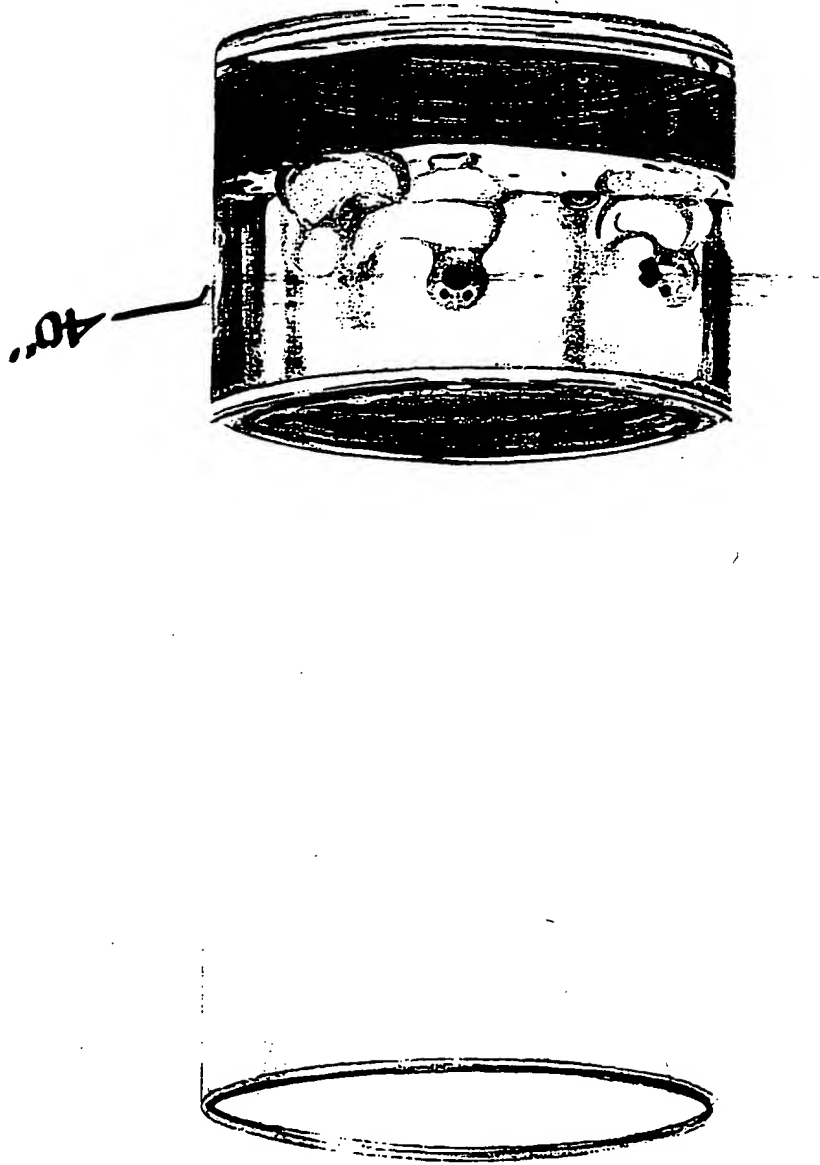


FIG. 25B



FIG. 25C

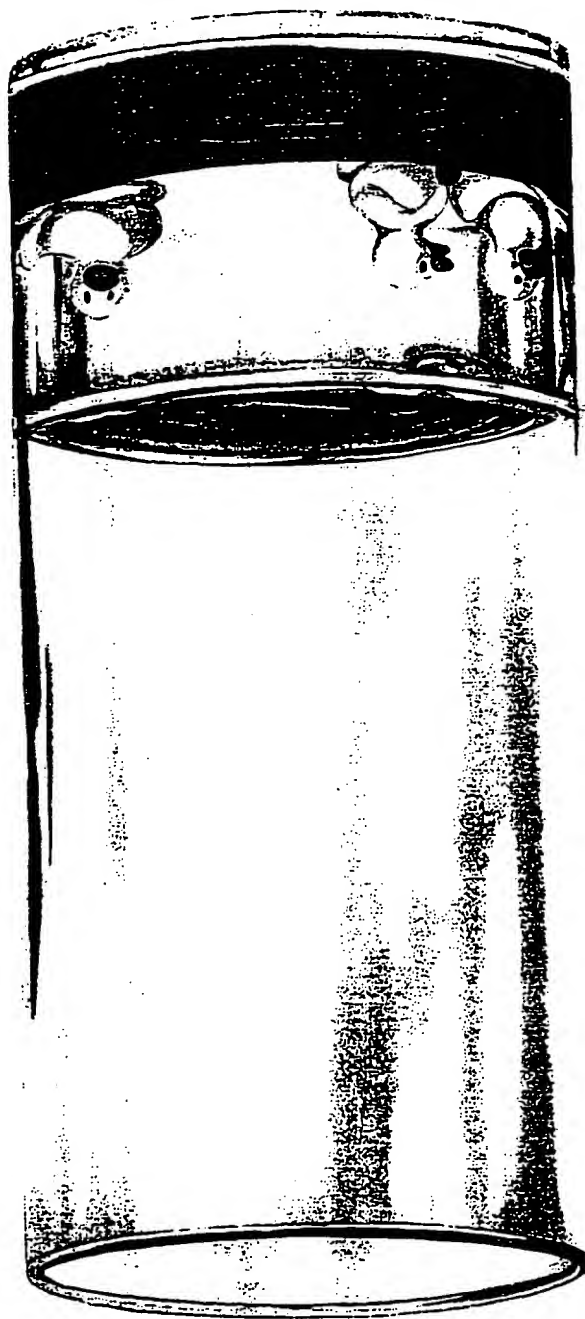


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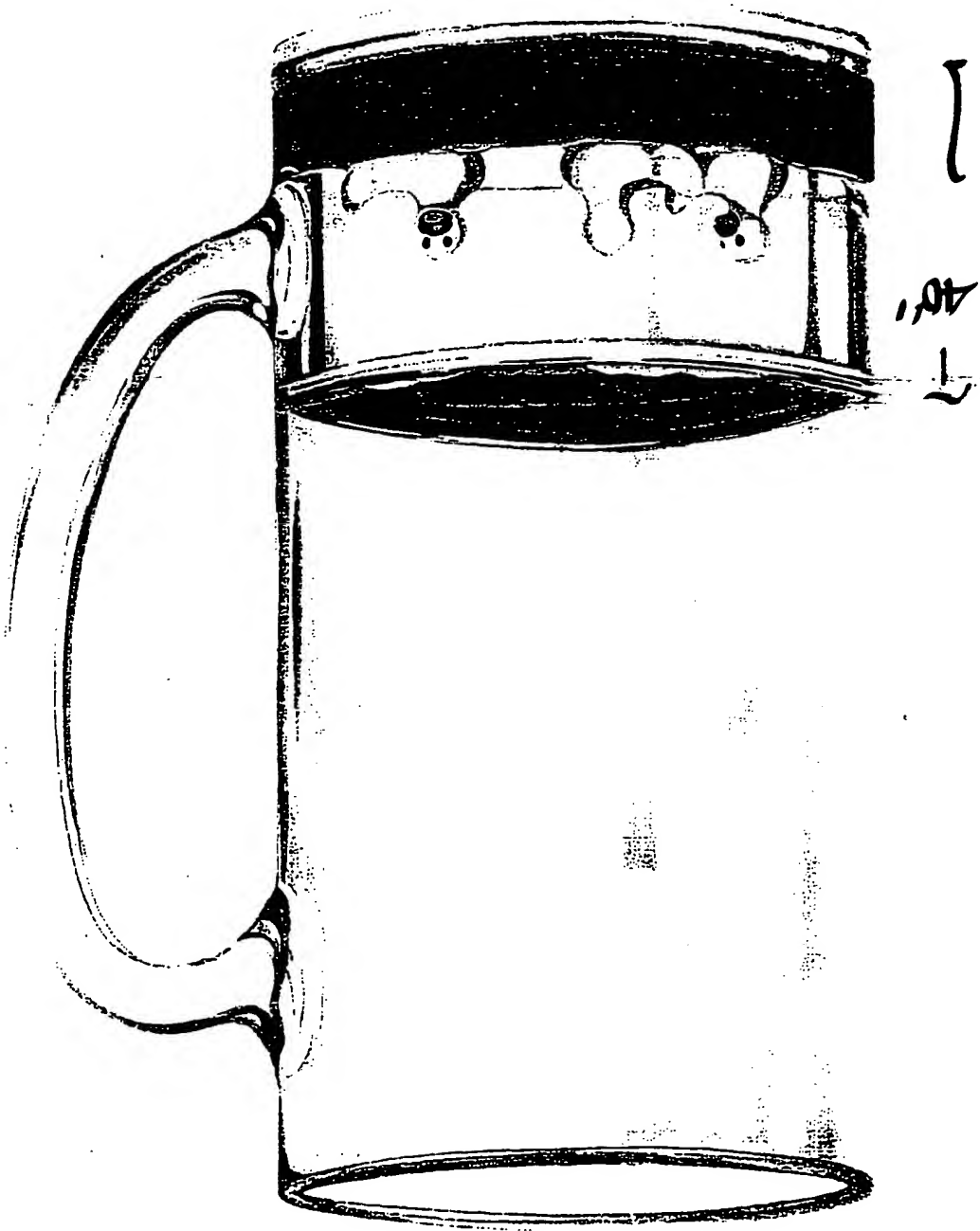


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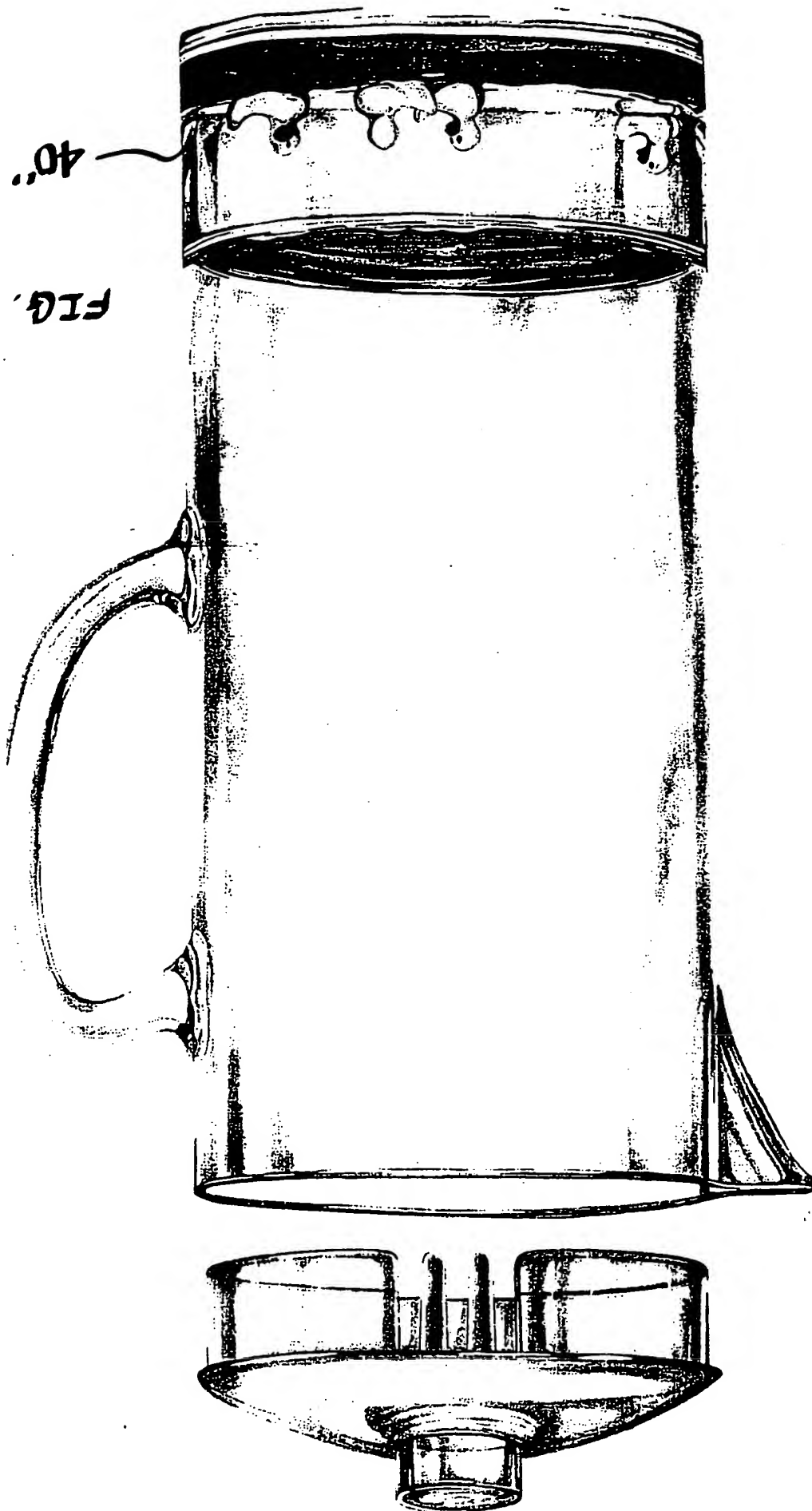
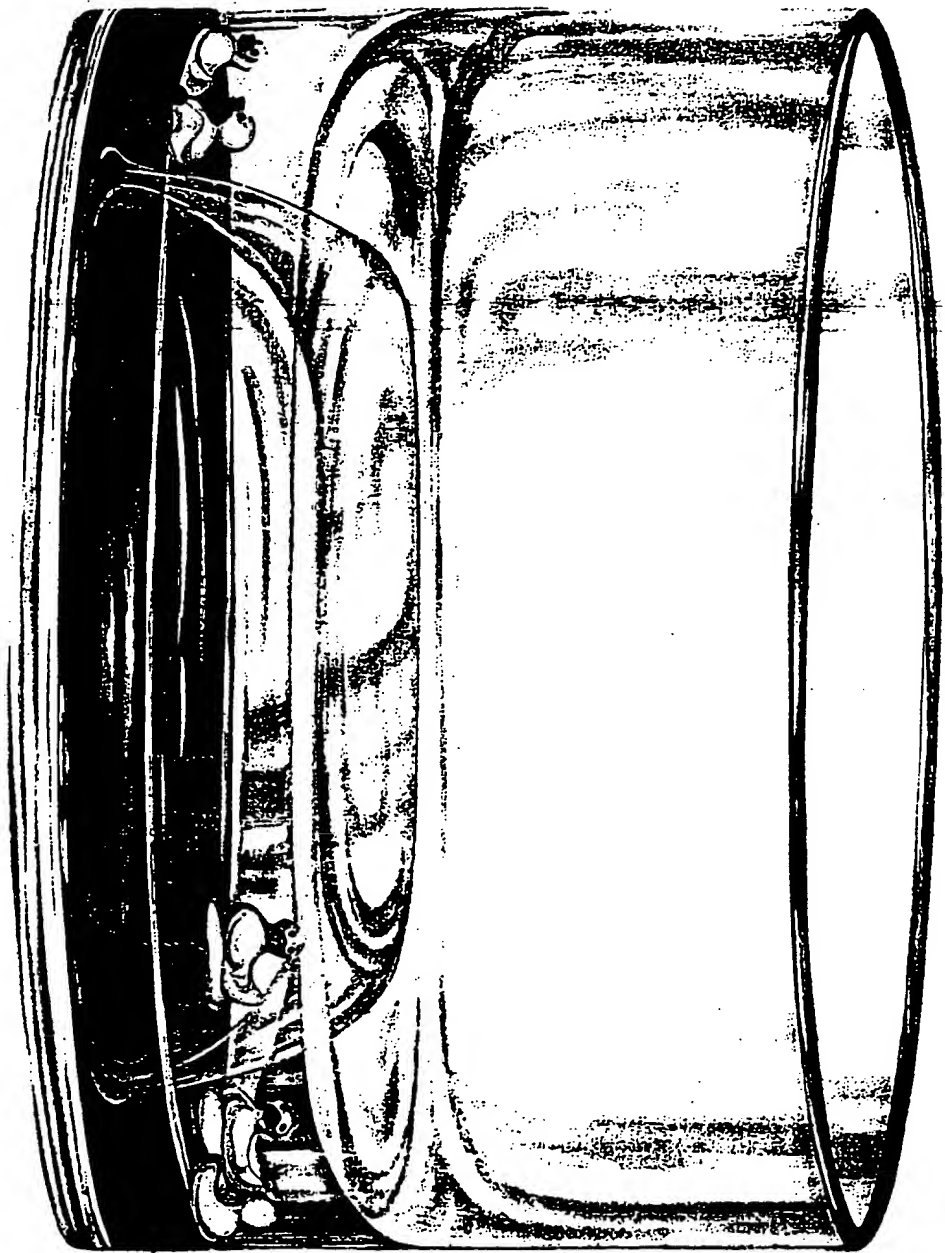
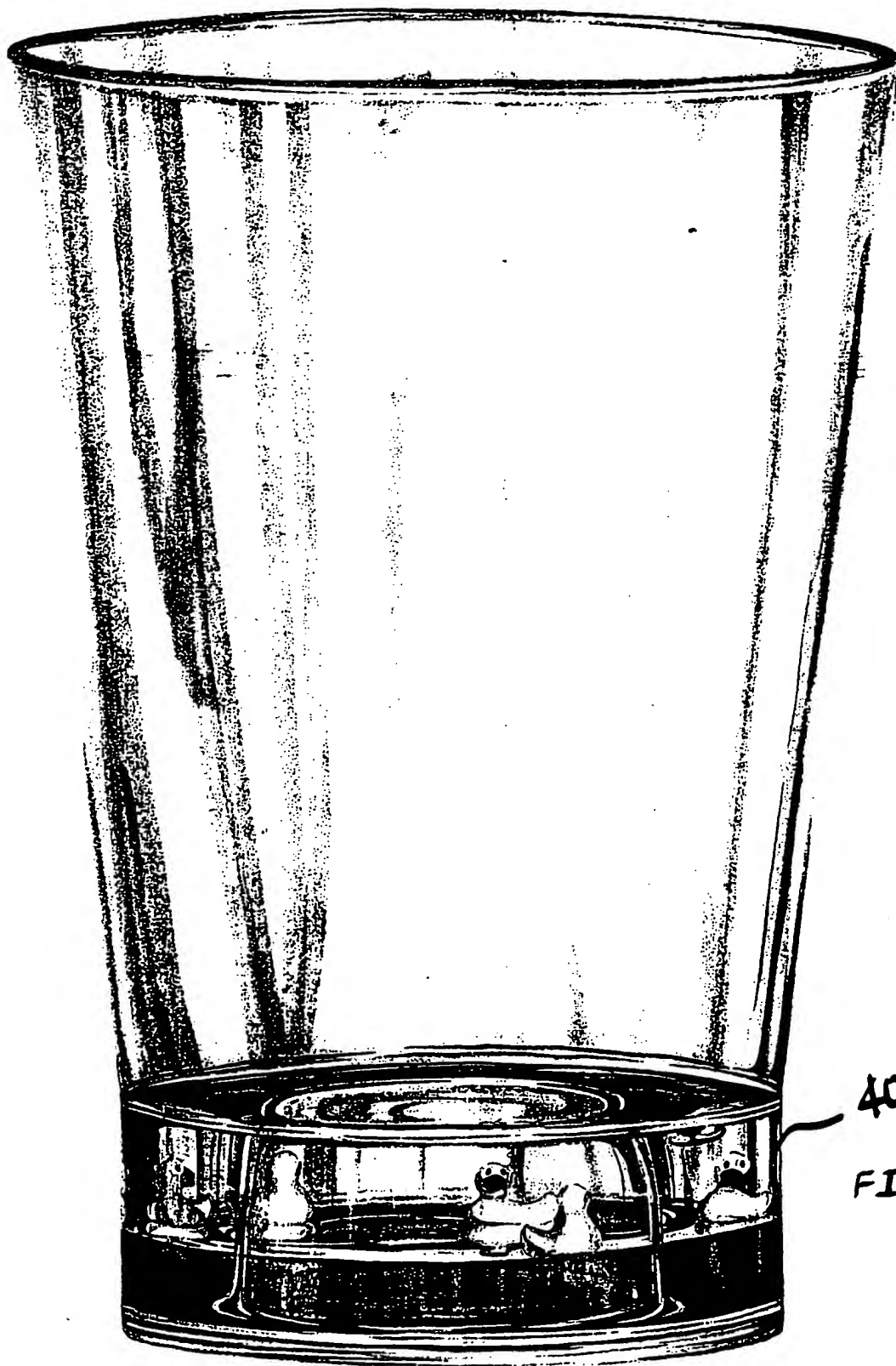


FIG. 28



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FIG. 29

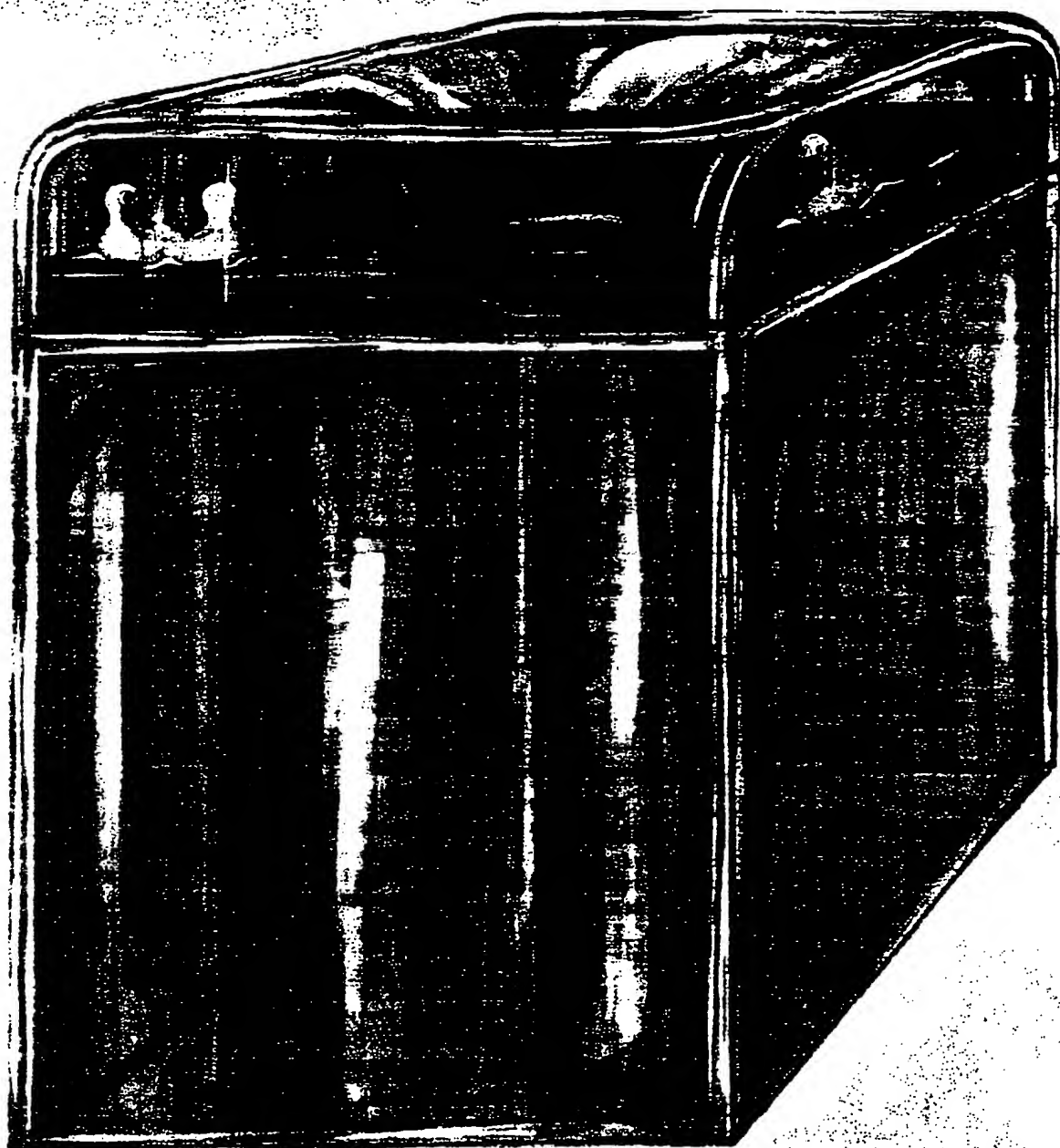


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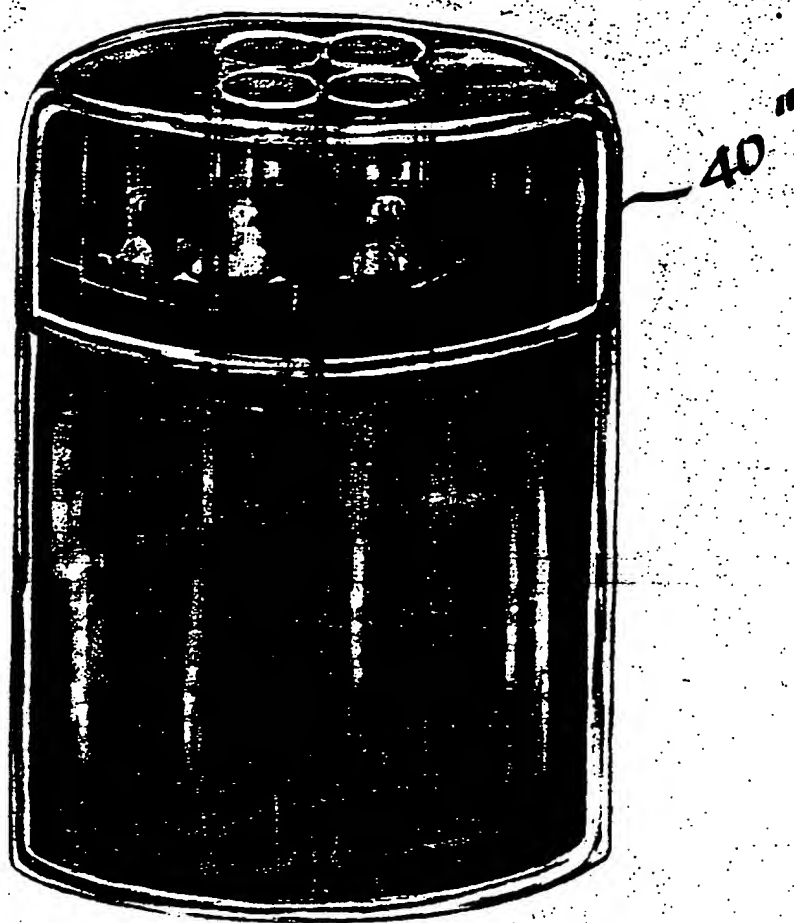


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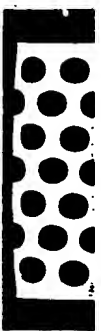


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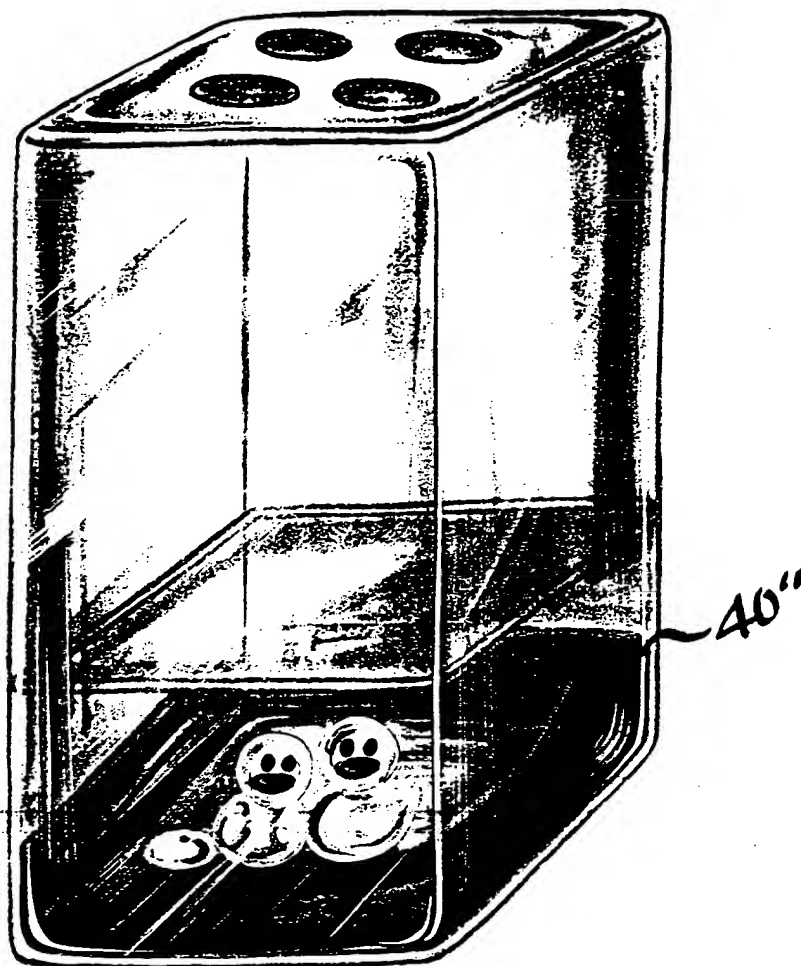


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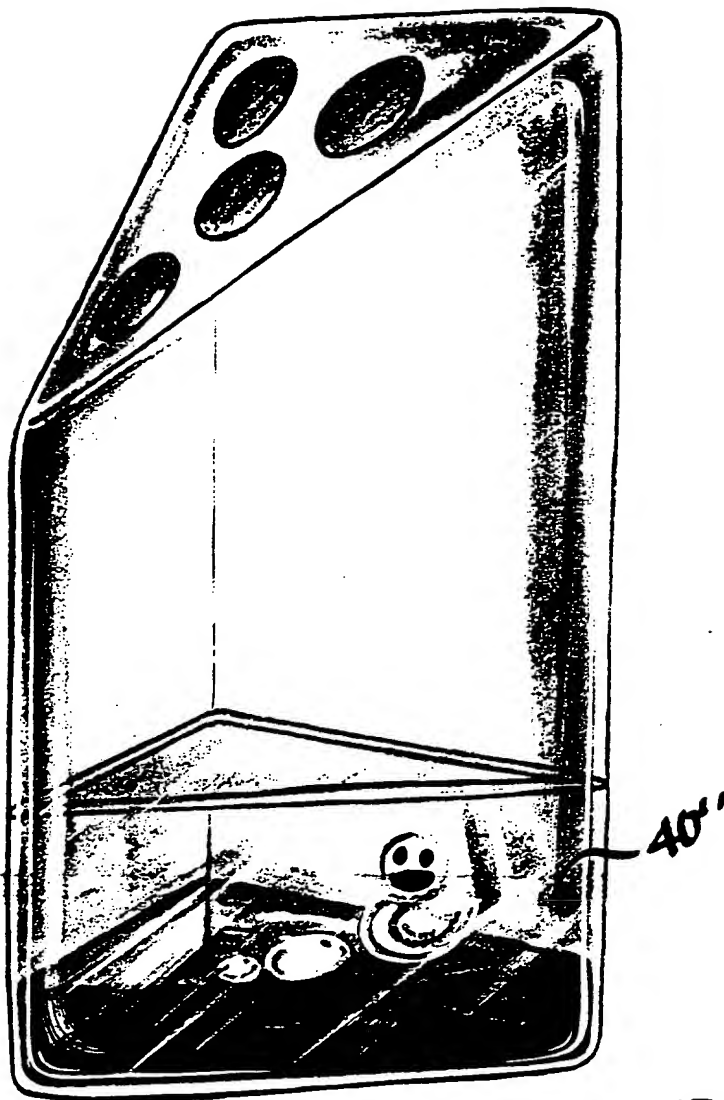


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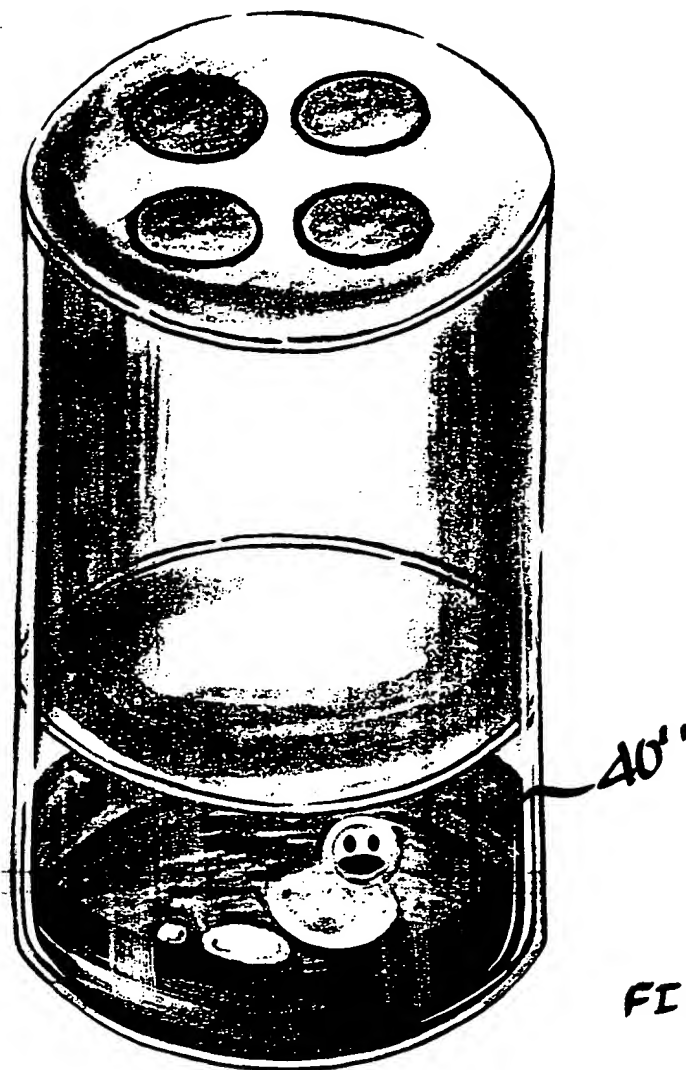


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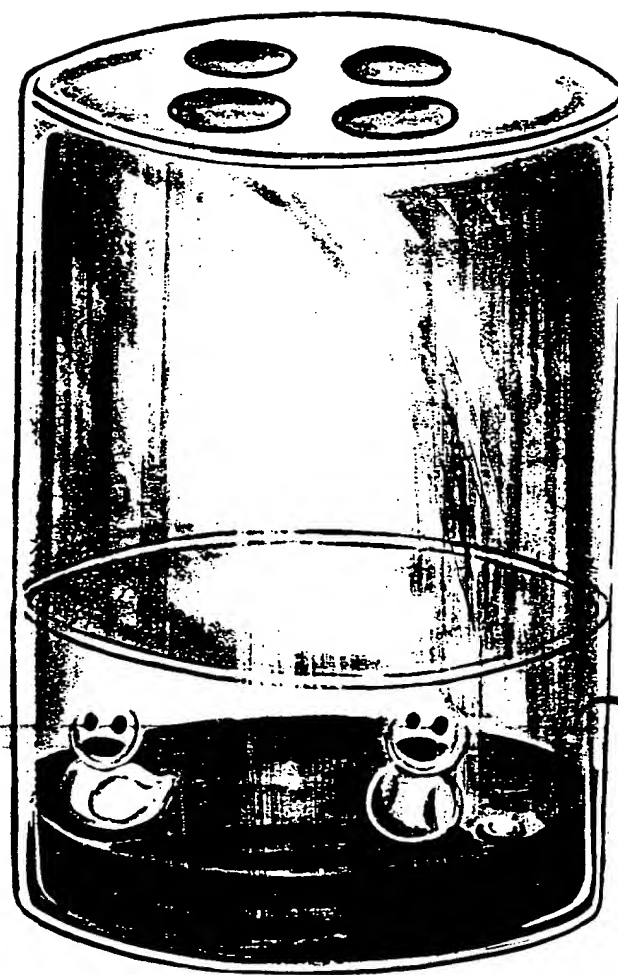


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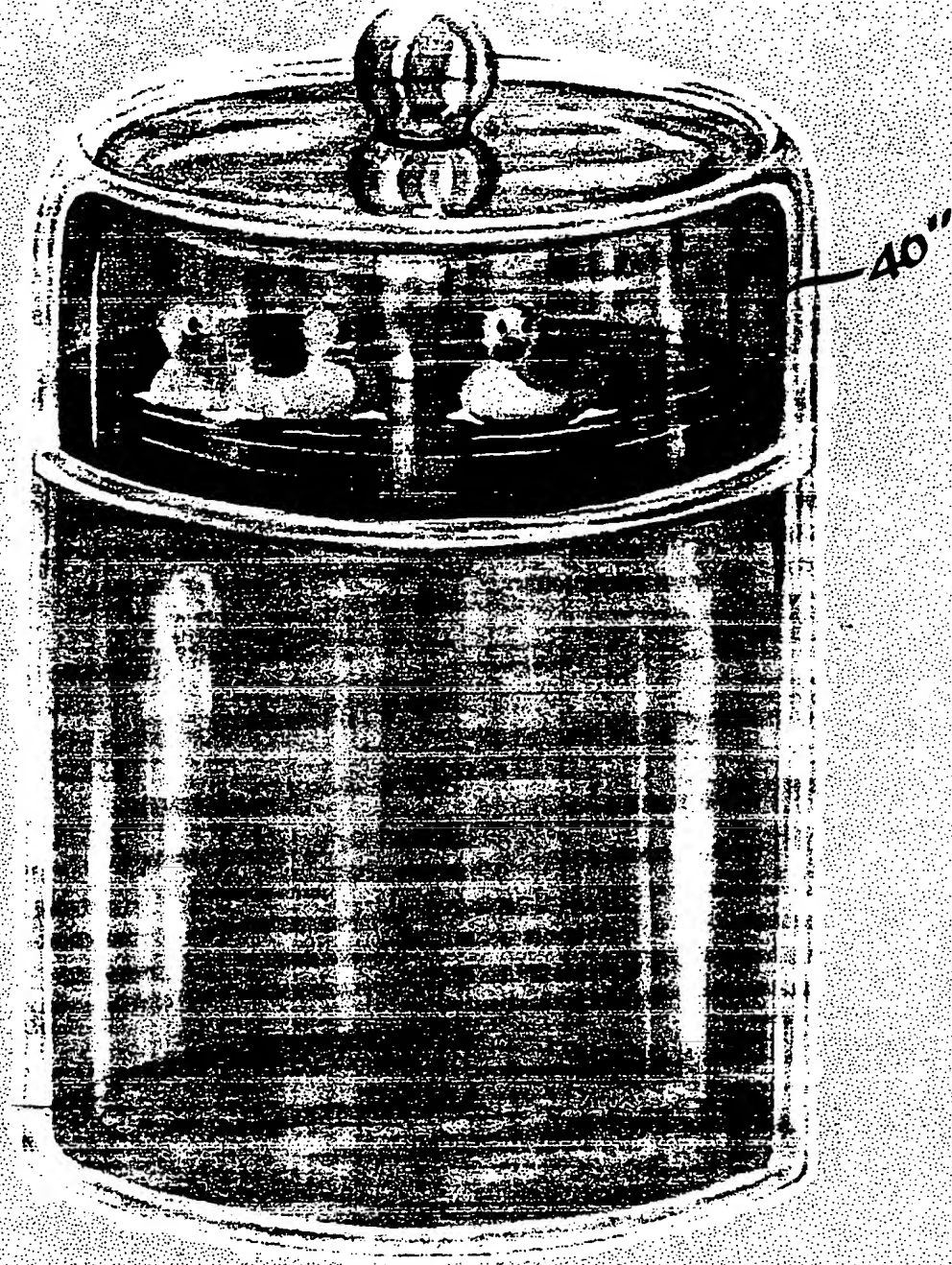
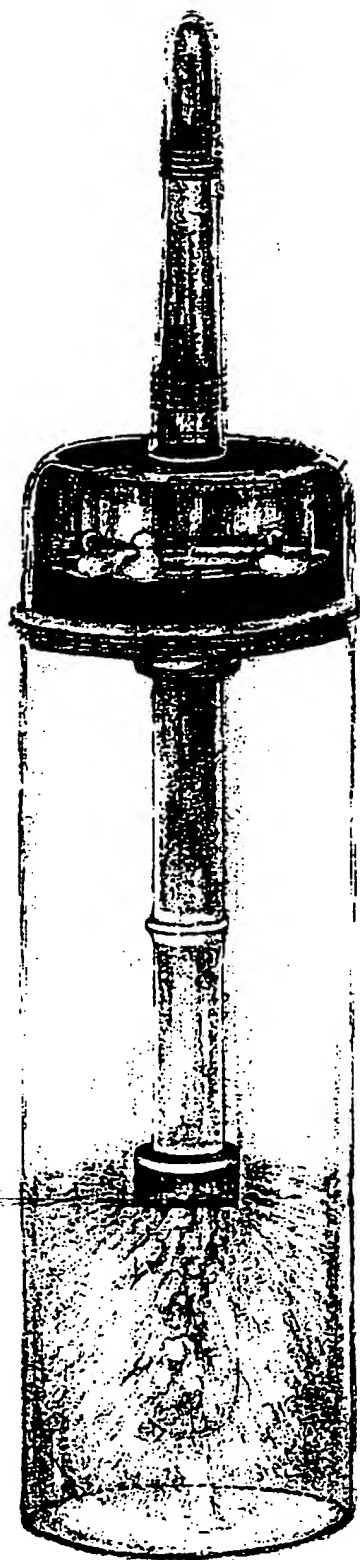
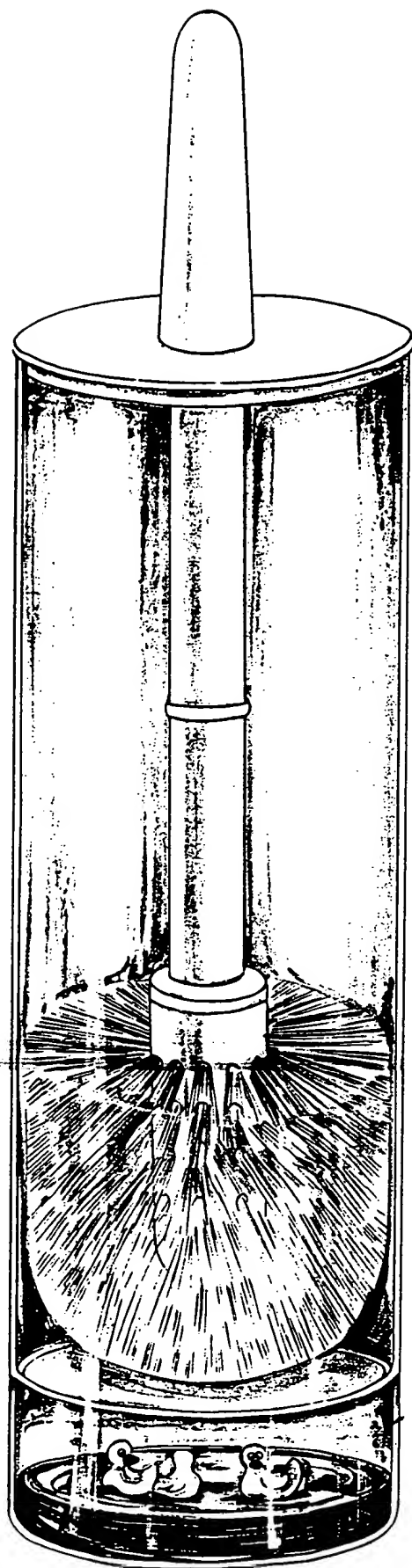
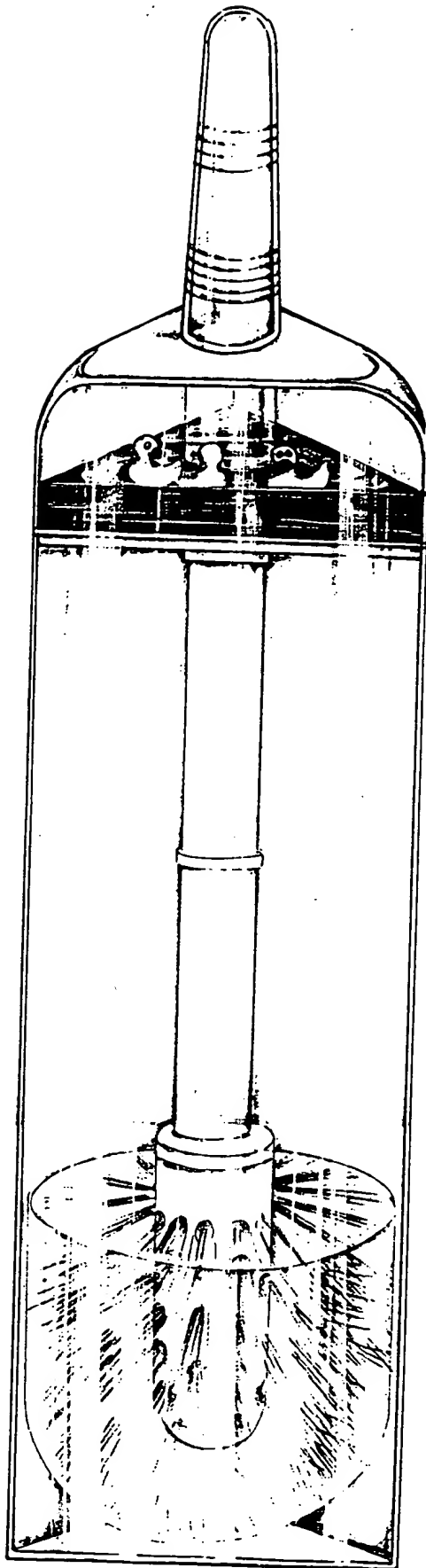
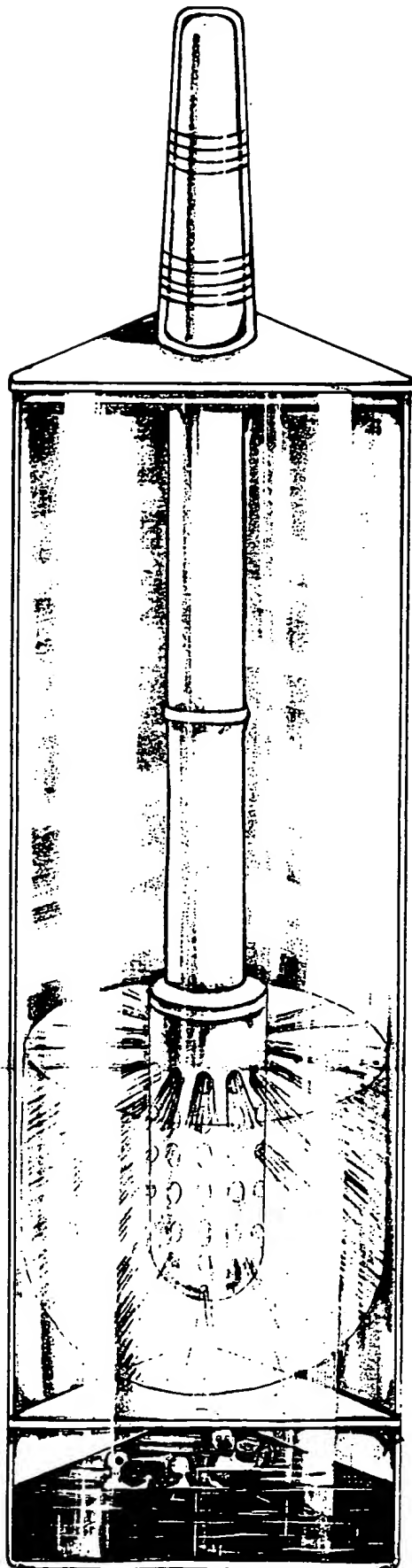


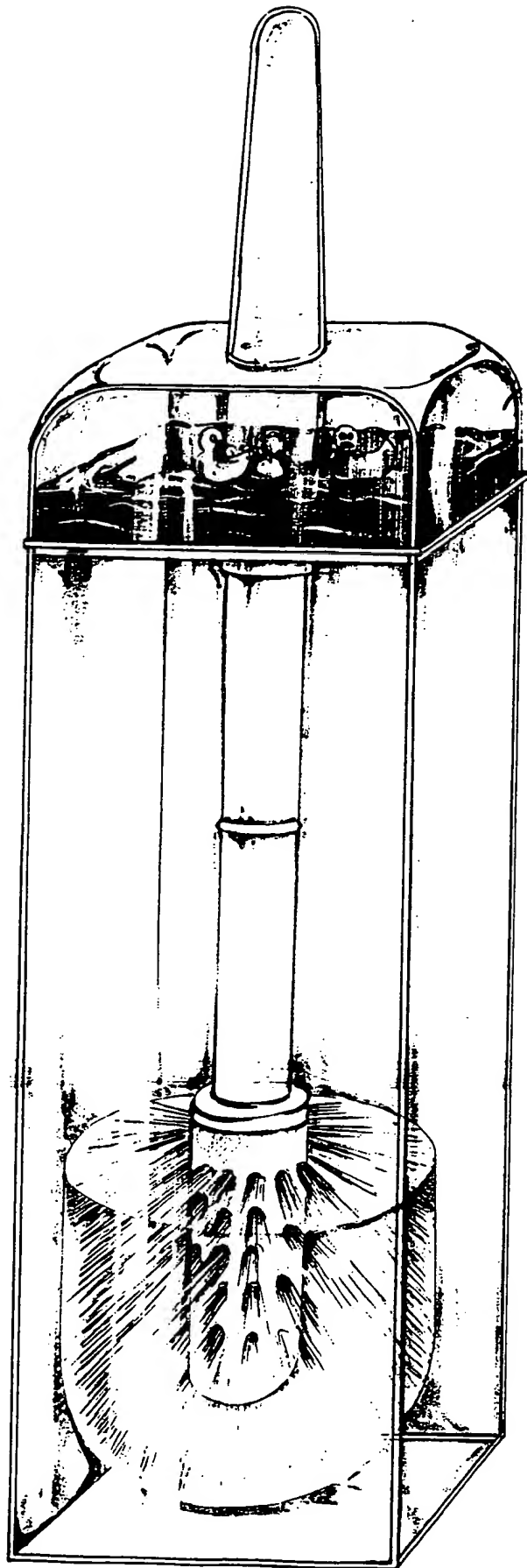
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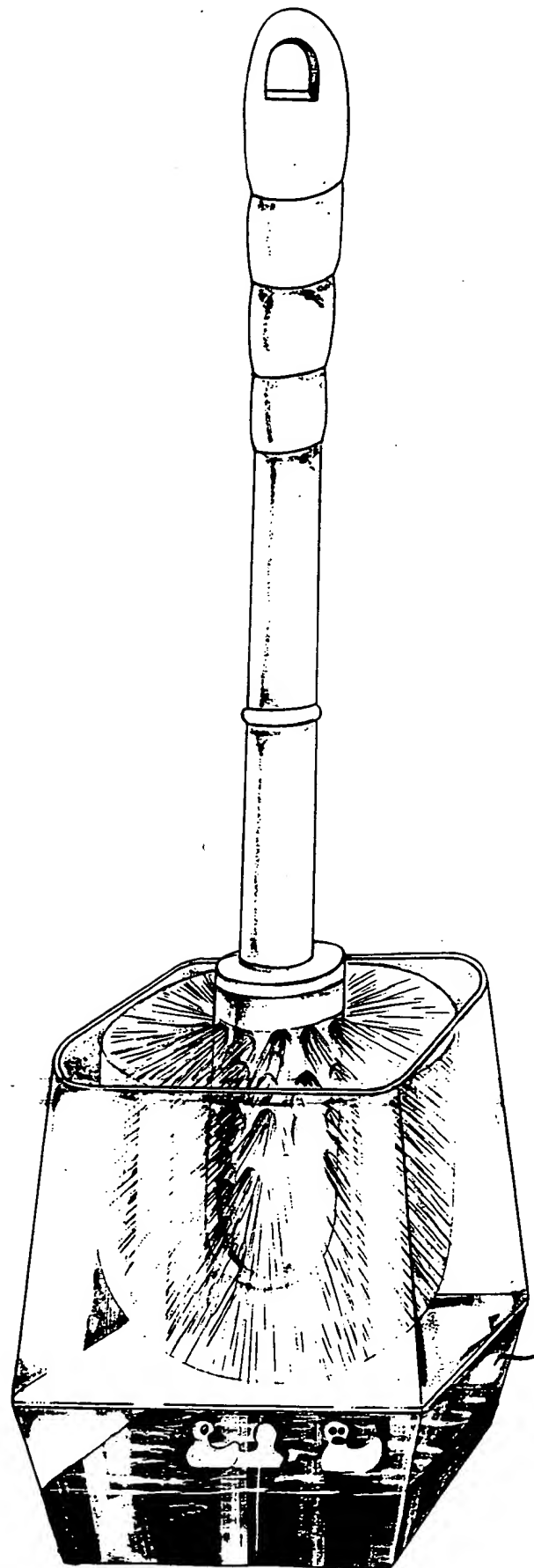












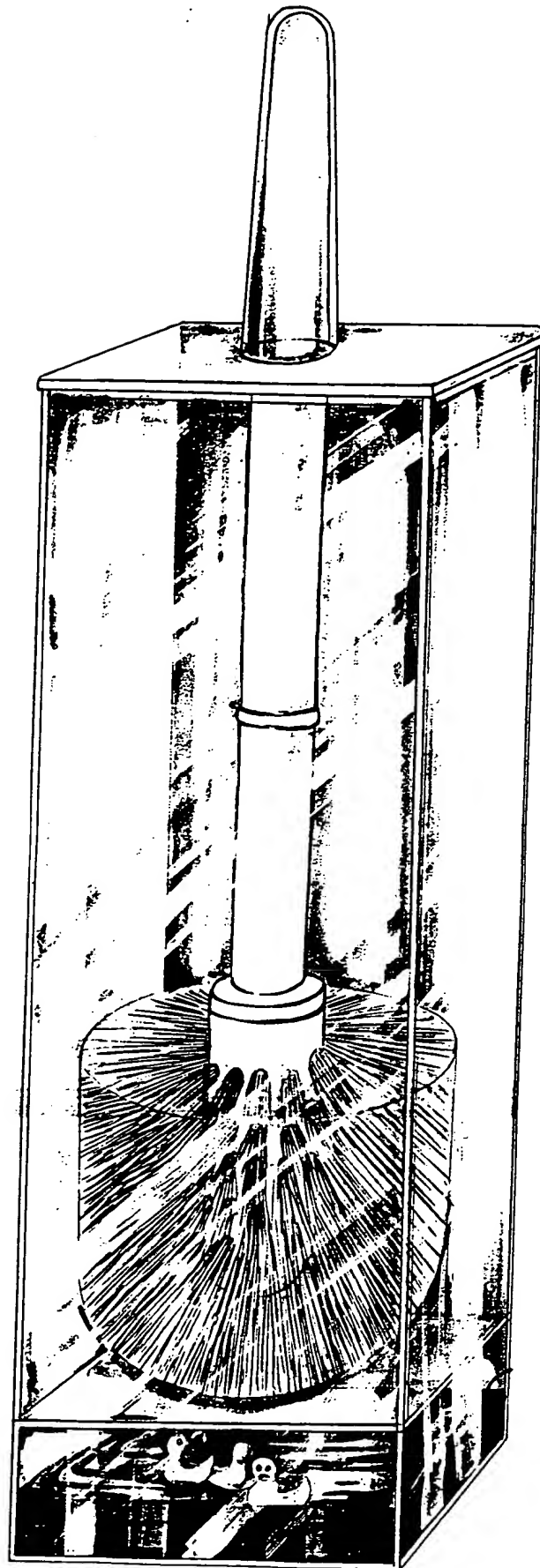
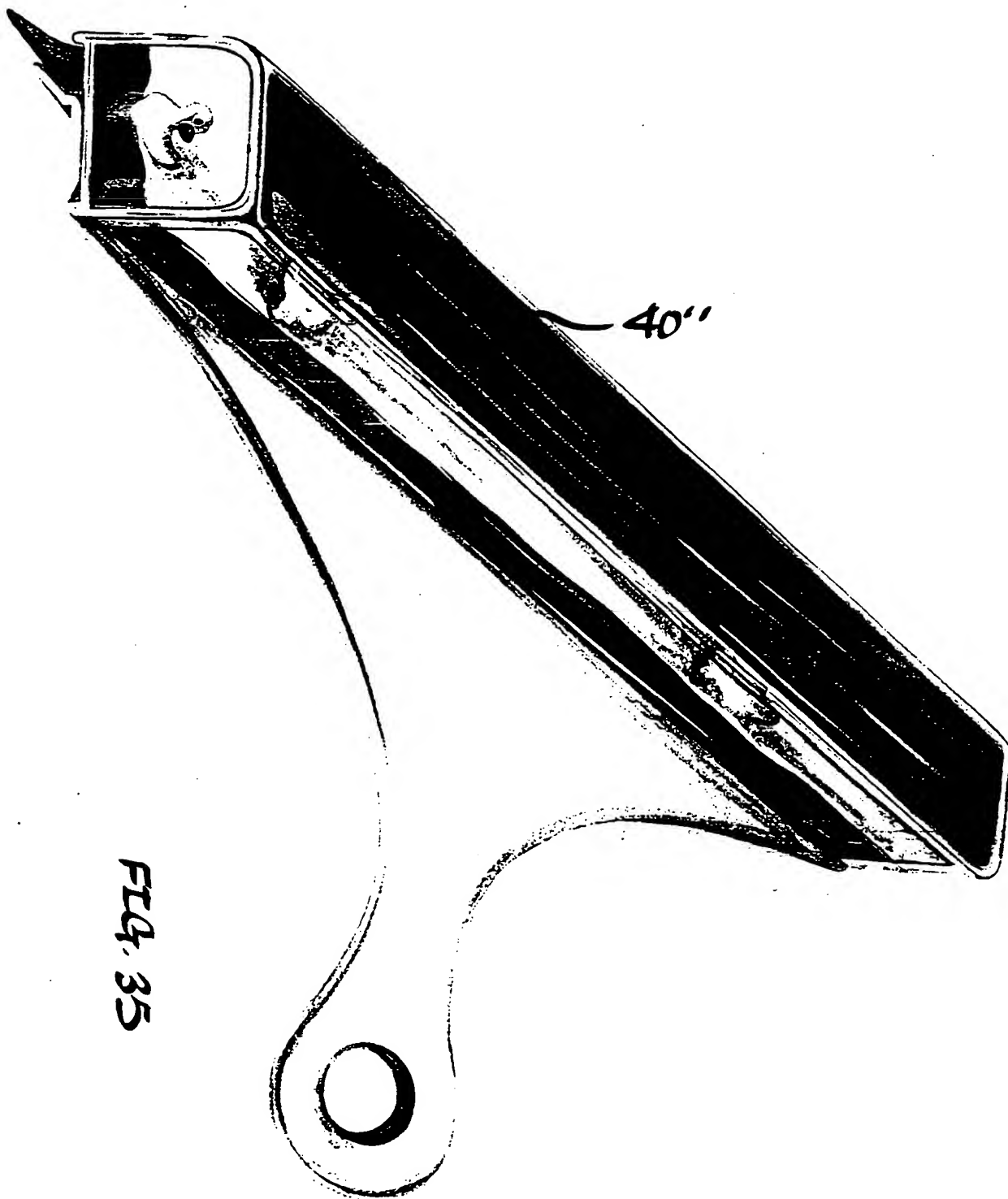




FIG. 34



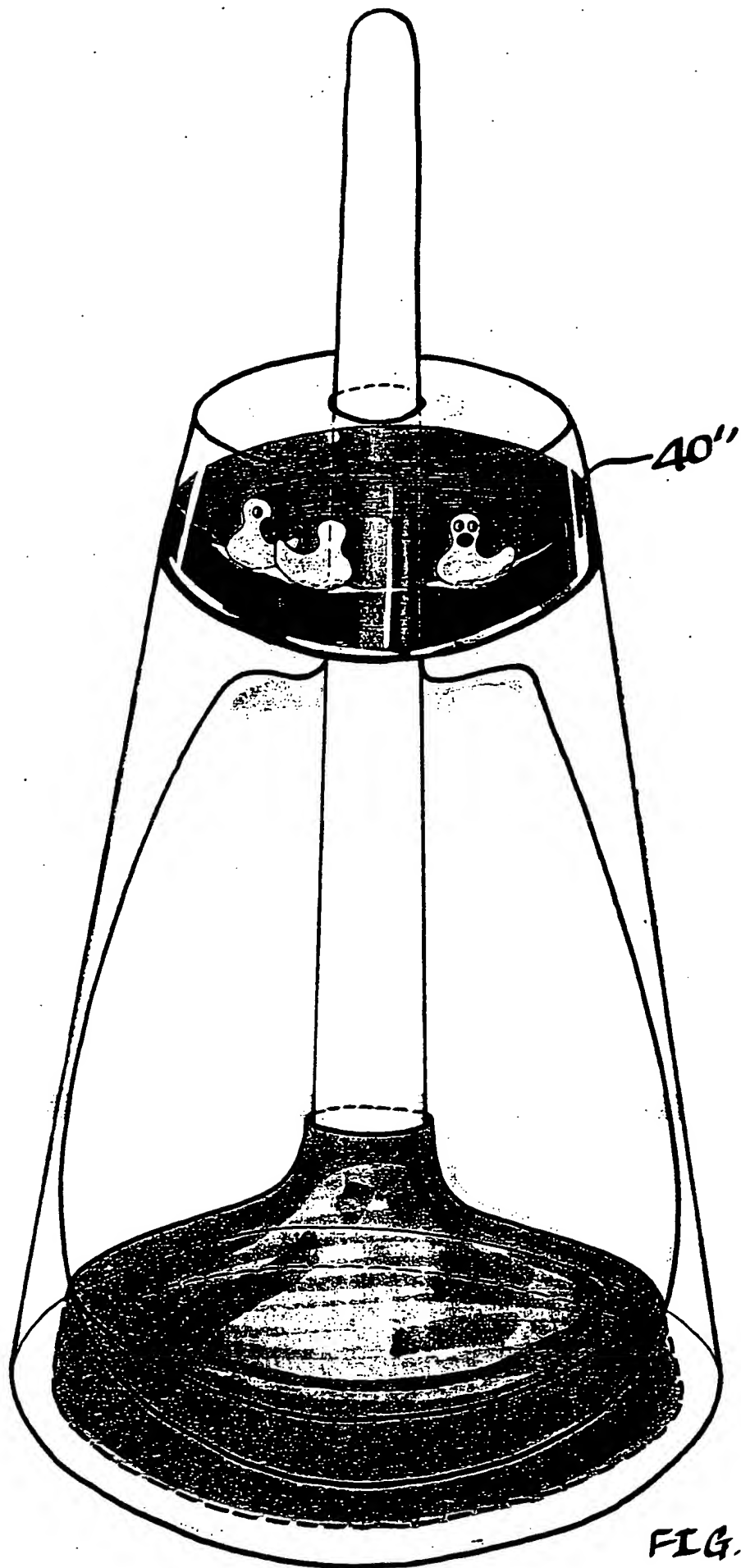


FIG. 36

FIG. 37A



FIG. 37B

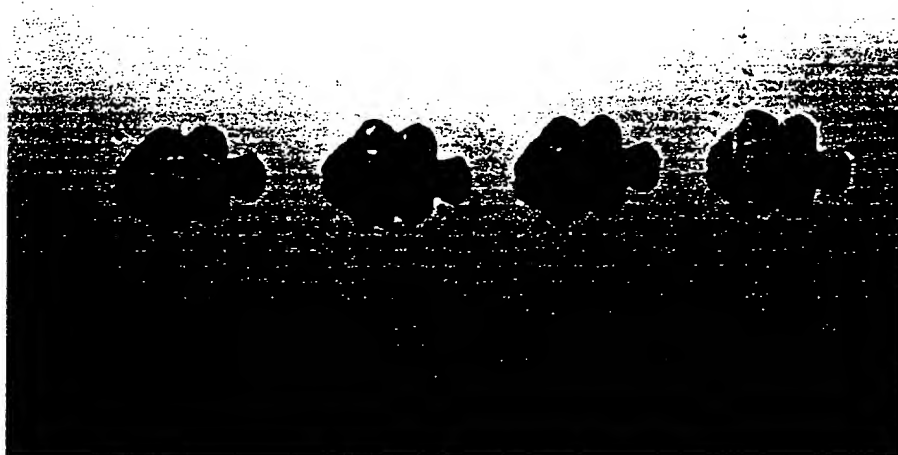


FIG. 37C



FIG. 37D



FIG. 37E

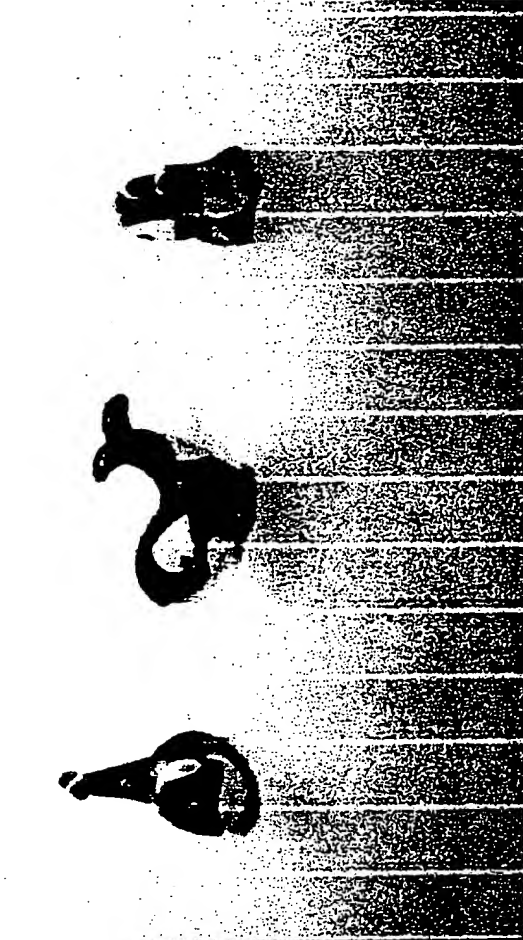


FIG. 37F

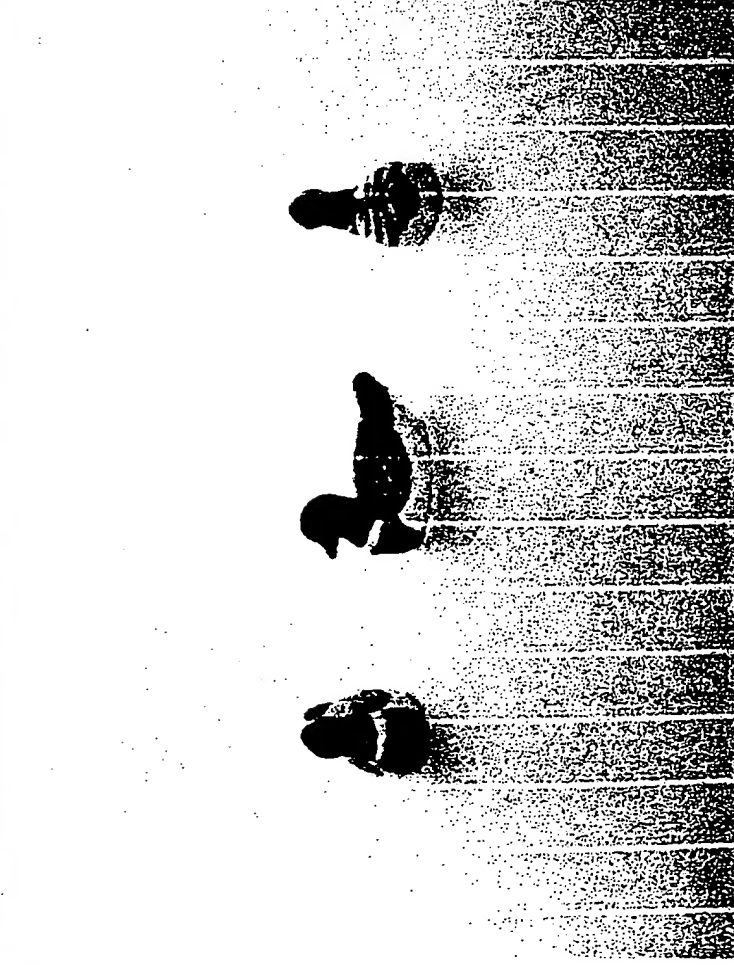
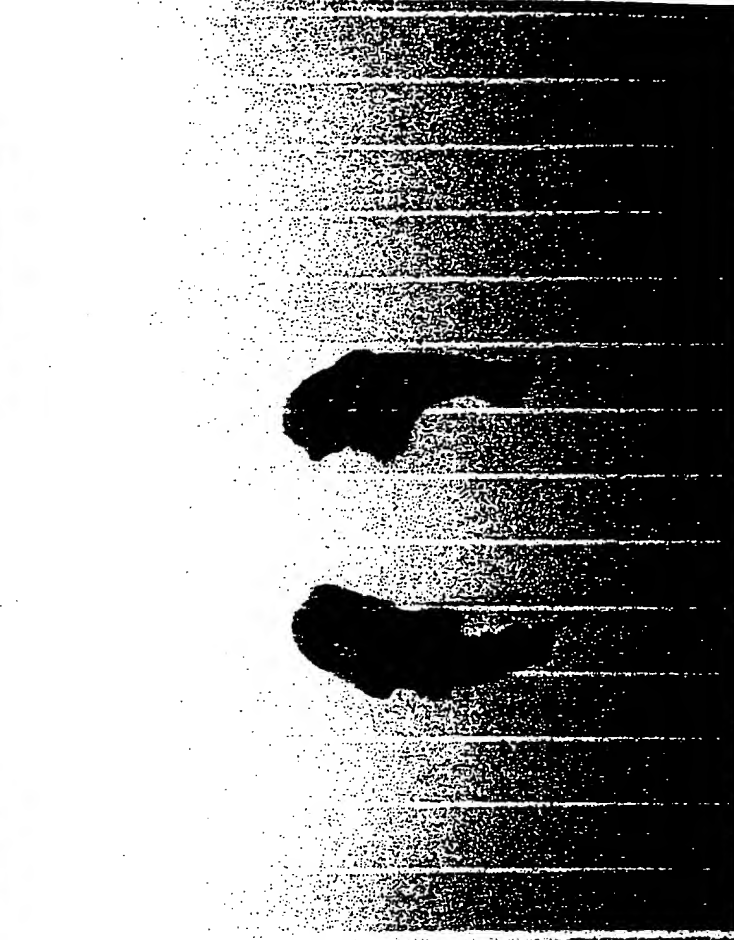


FIG. 37G



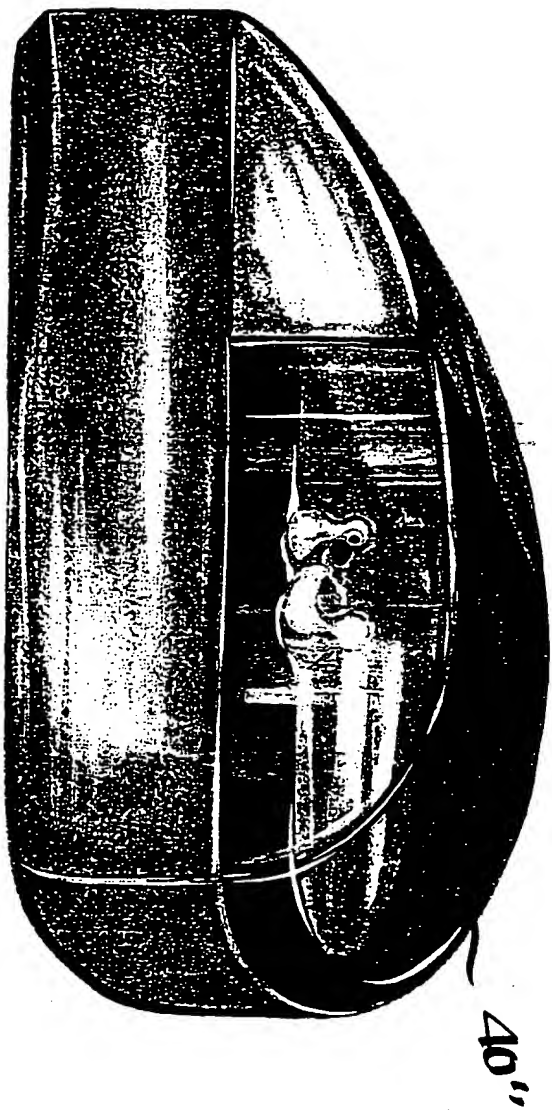


FIG. 38A



FIG. 38B

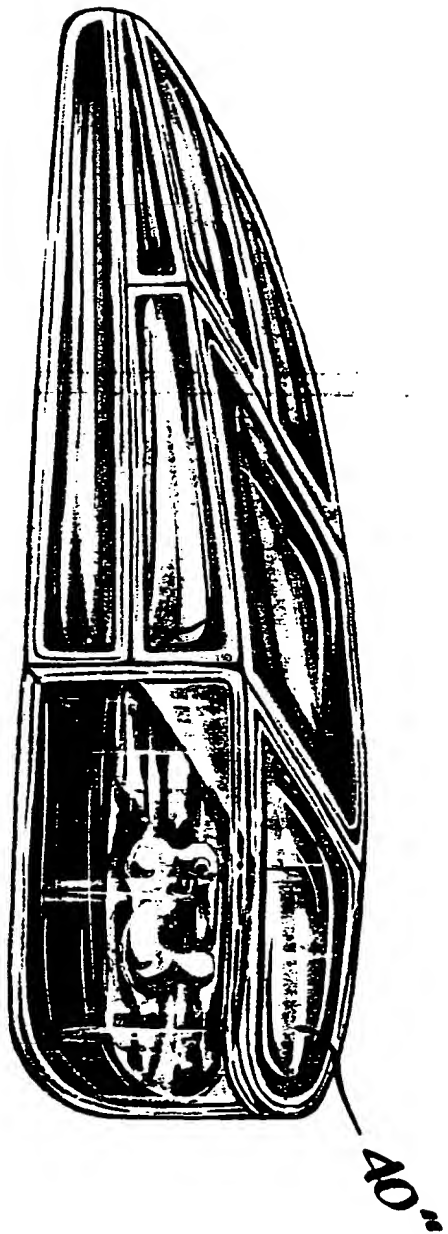


FIG. 38C



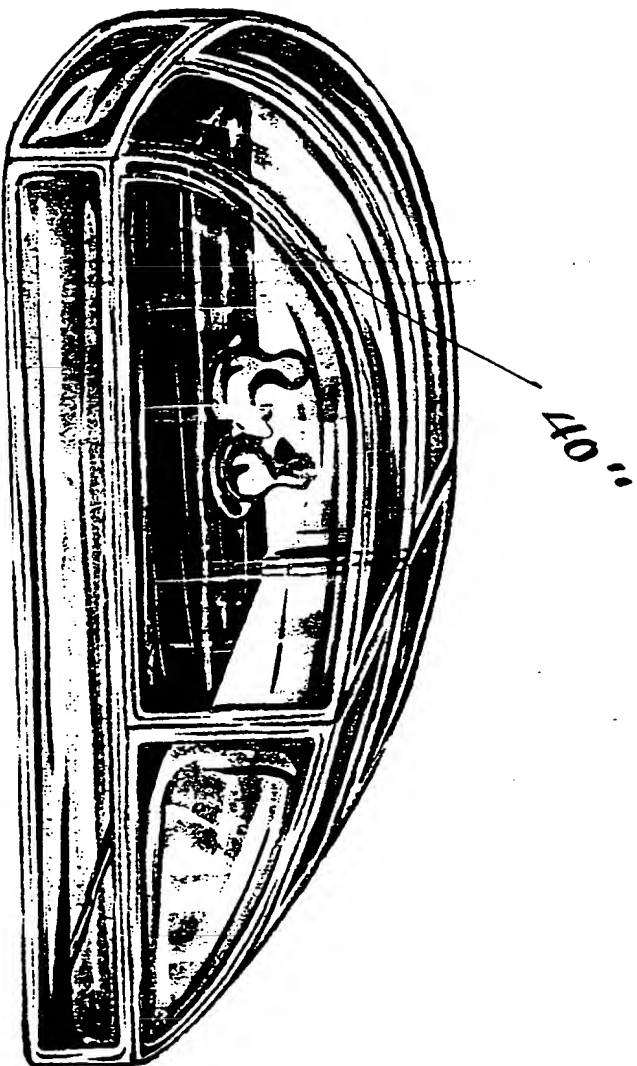


FIG. 38D



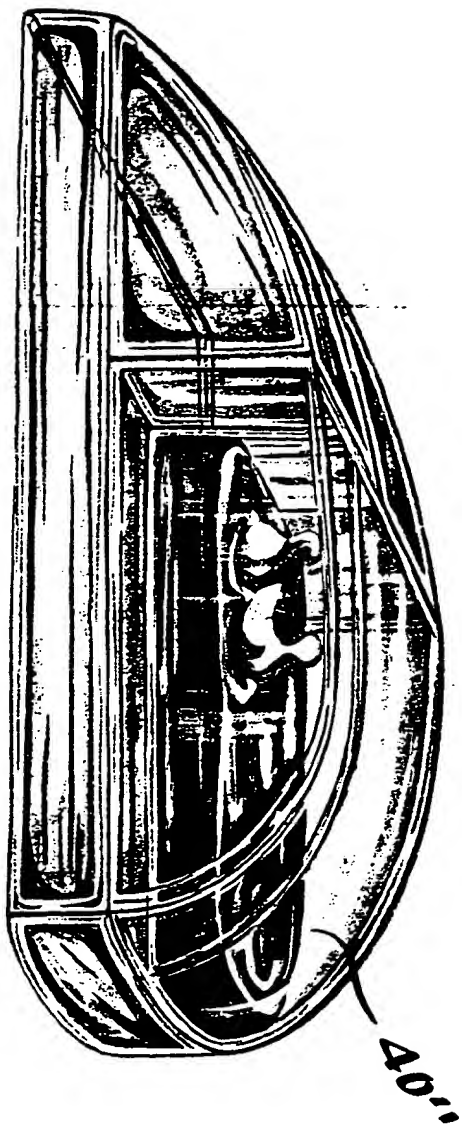


FIG. 38E



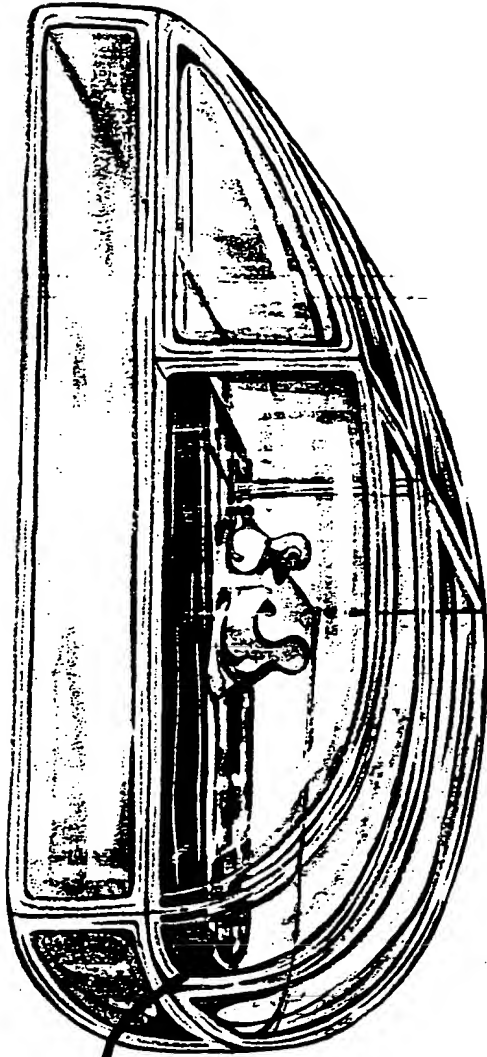


FIG. 38F

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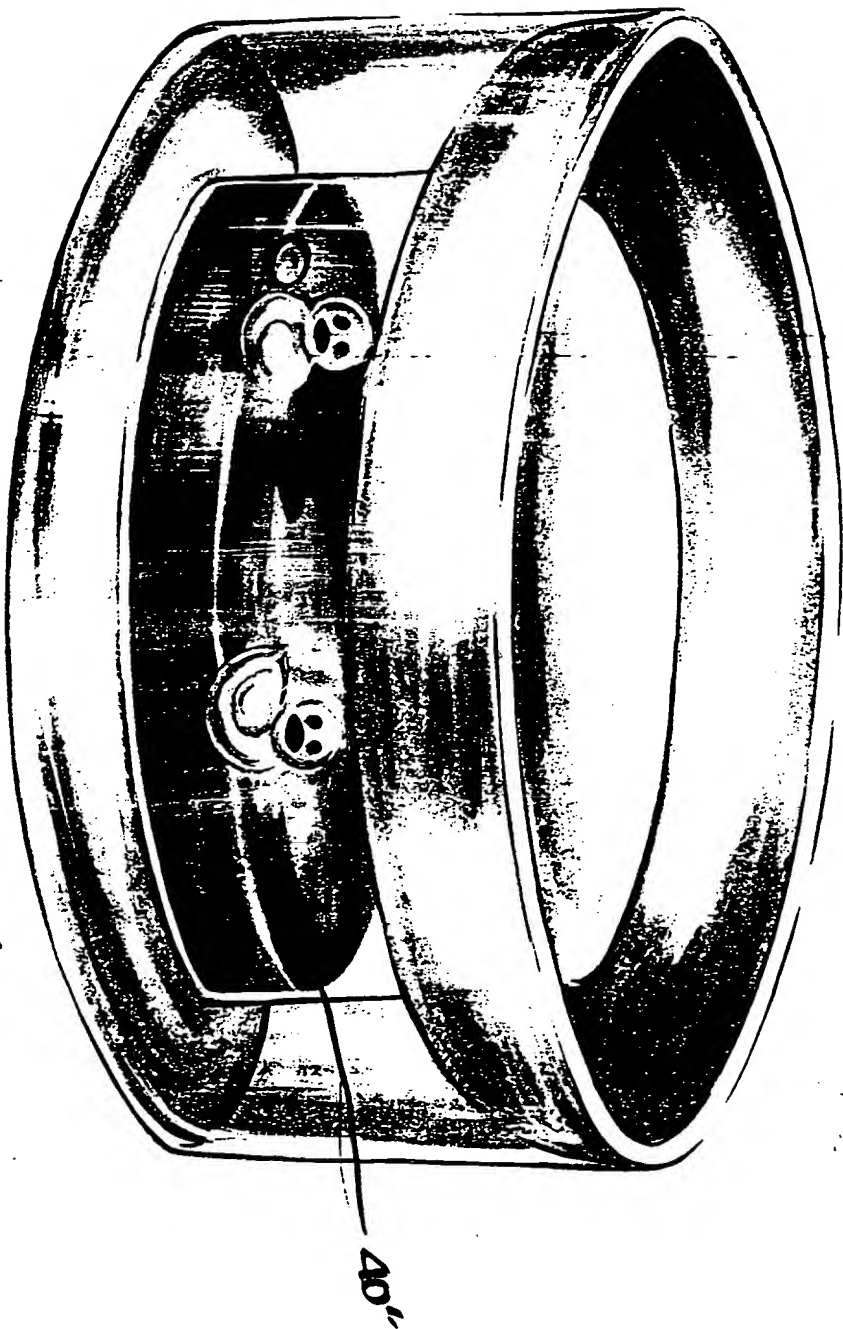


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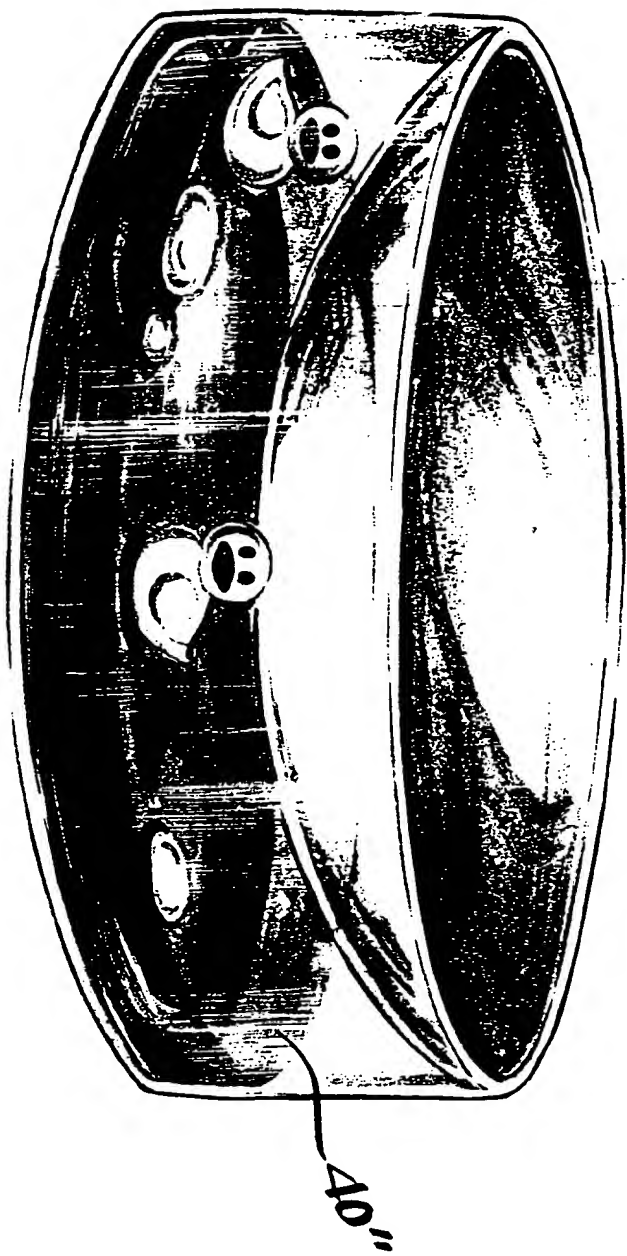
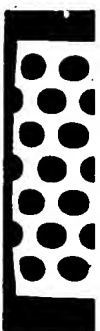


FIG. 39B



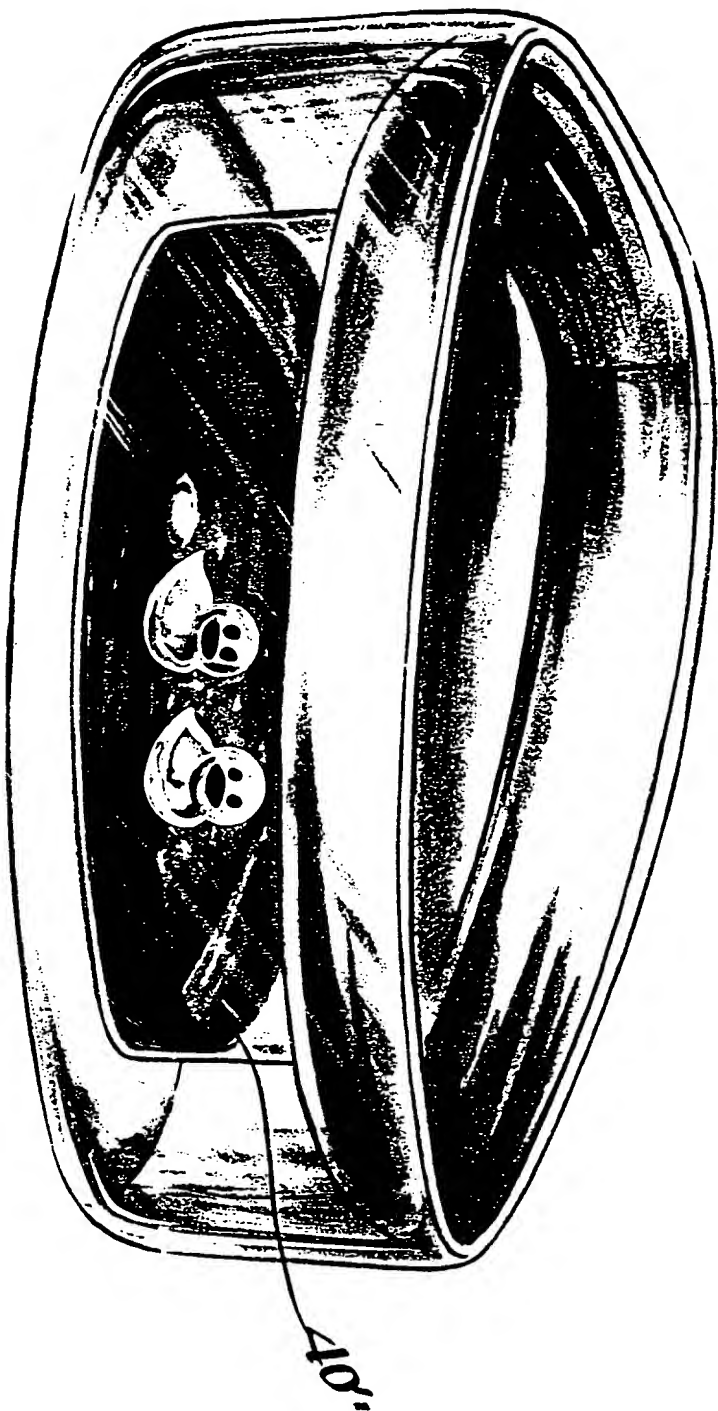


FIG. 39C



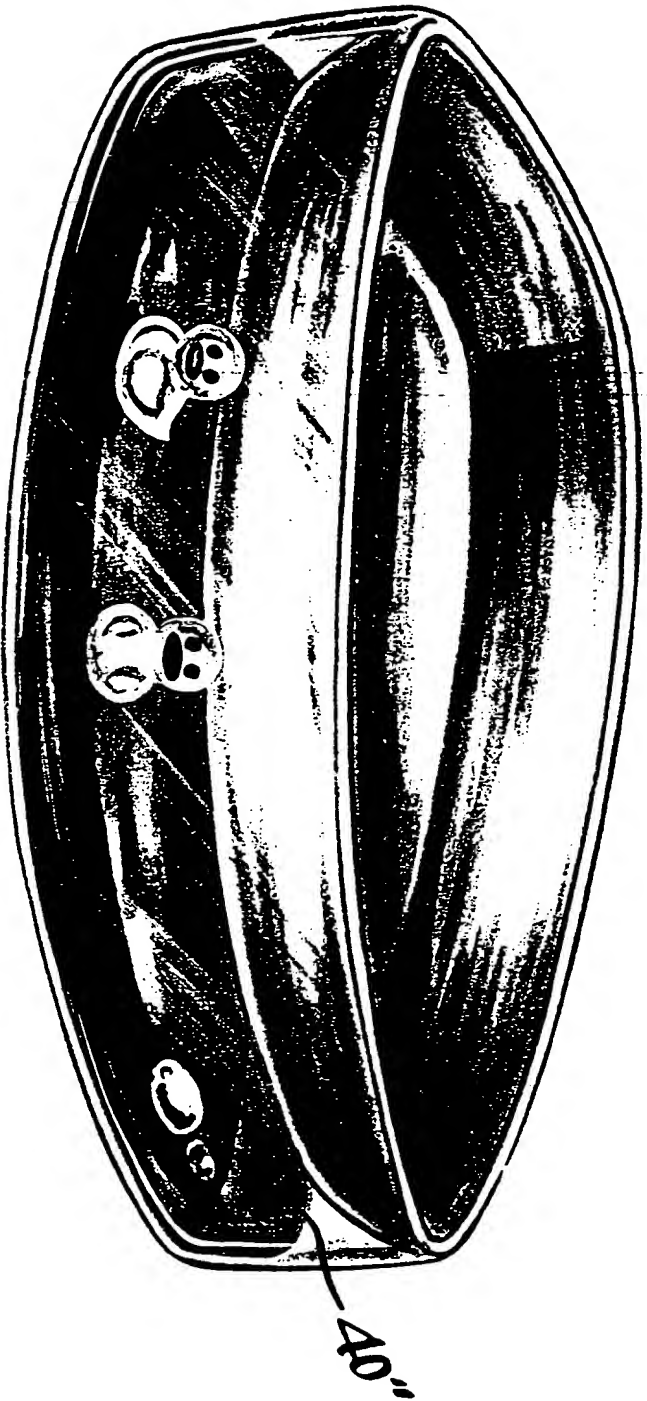


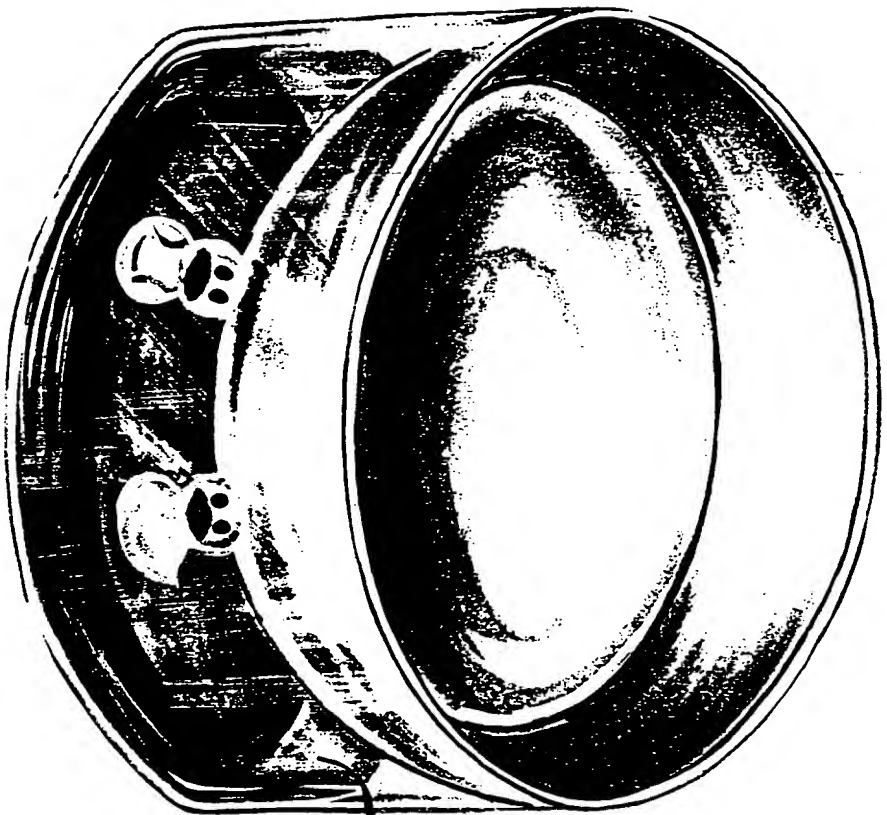
FIG. 39D





FIG 39F





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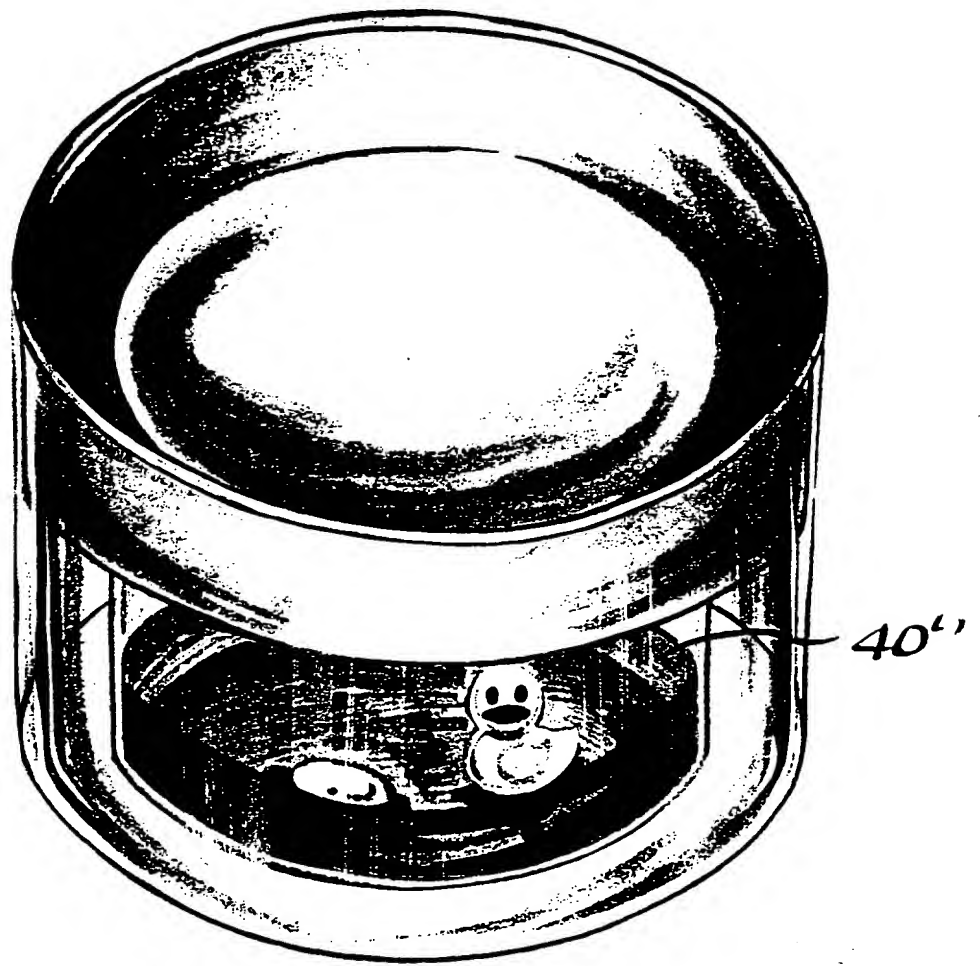


FIG. 39H

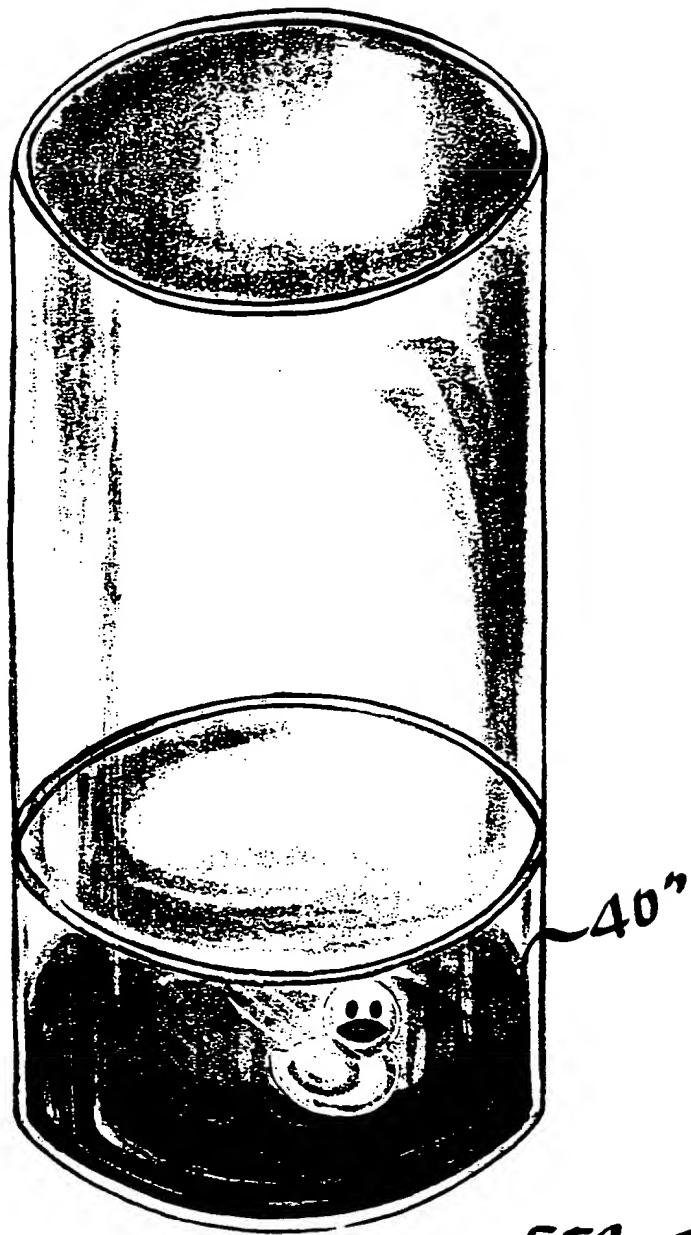
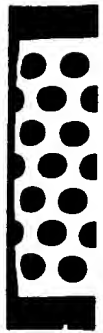


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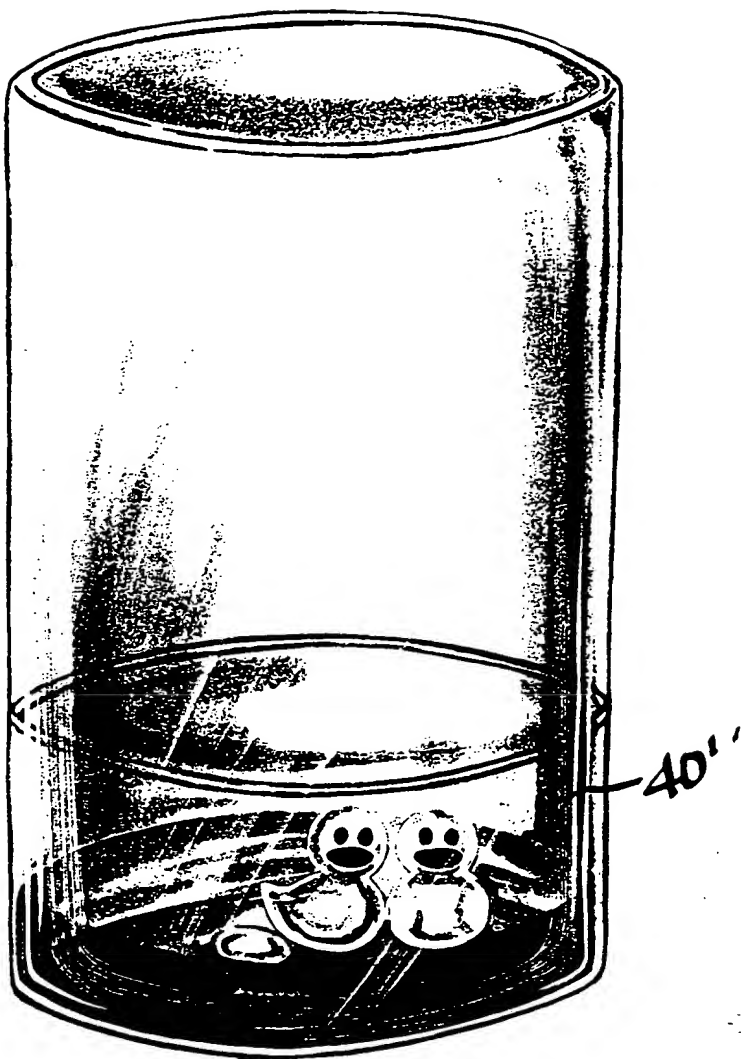


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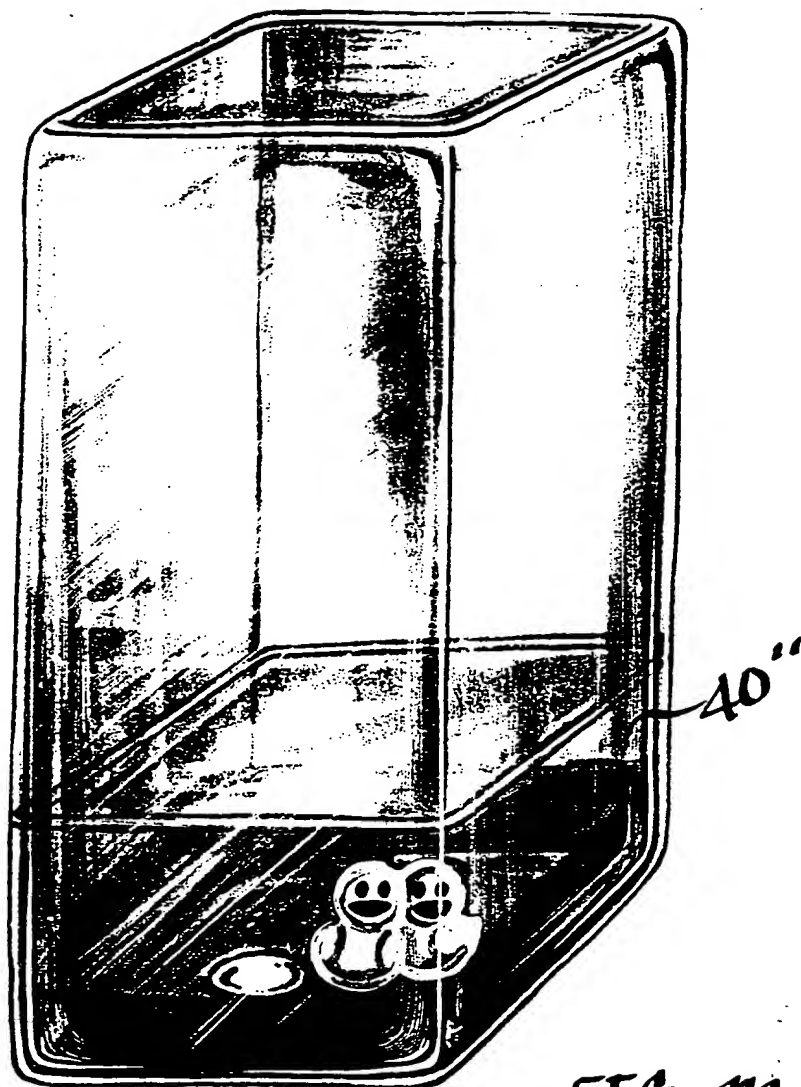


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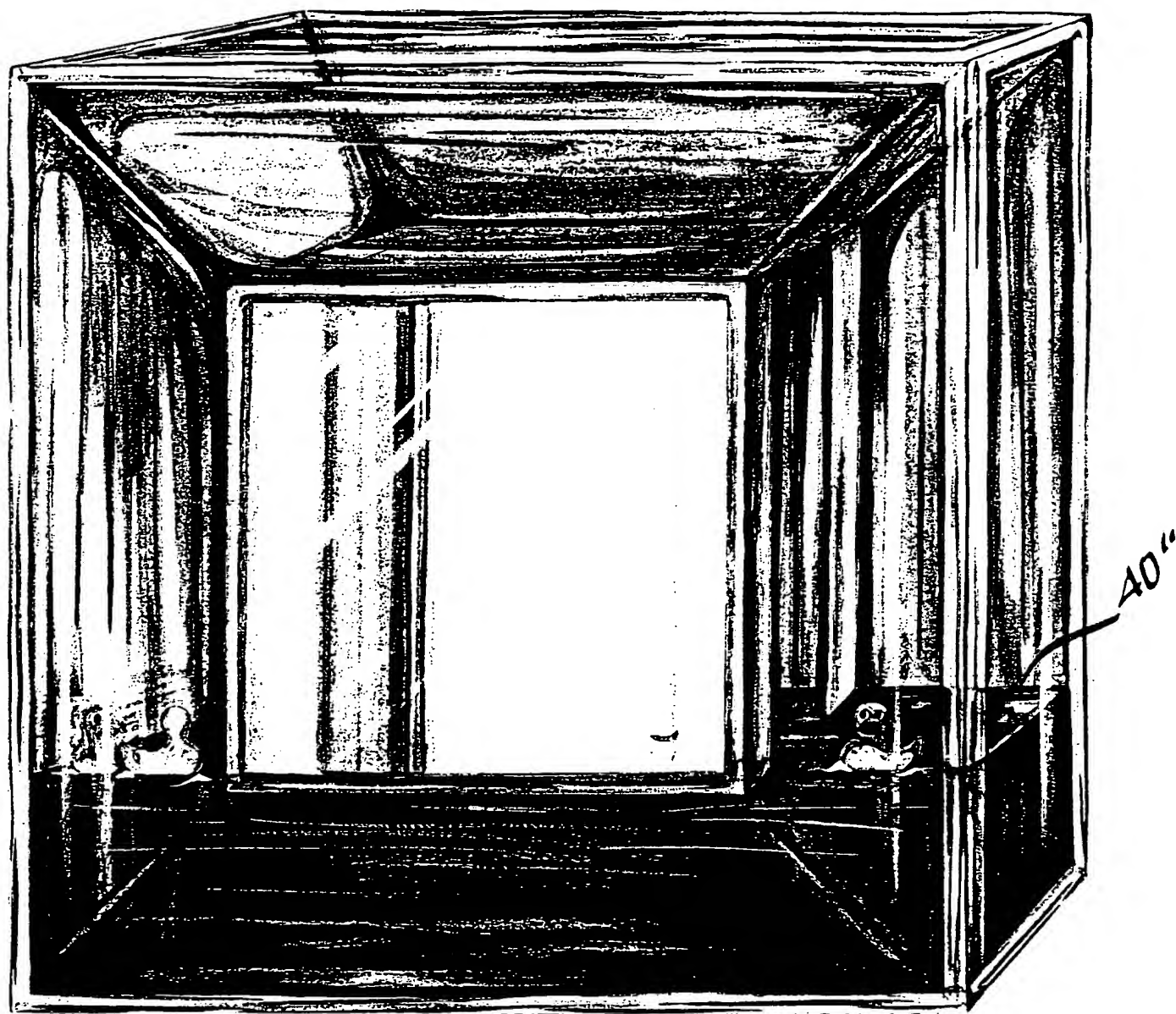


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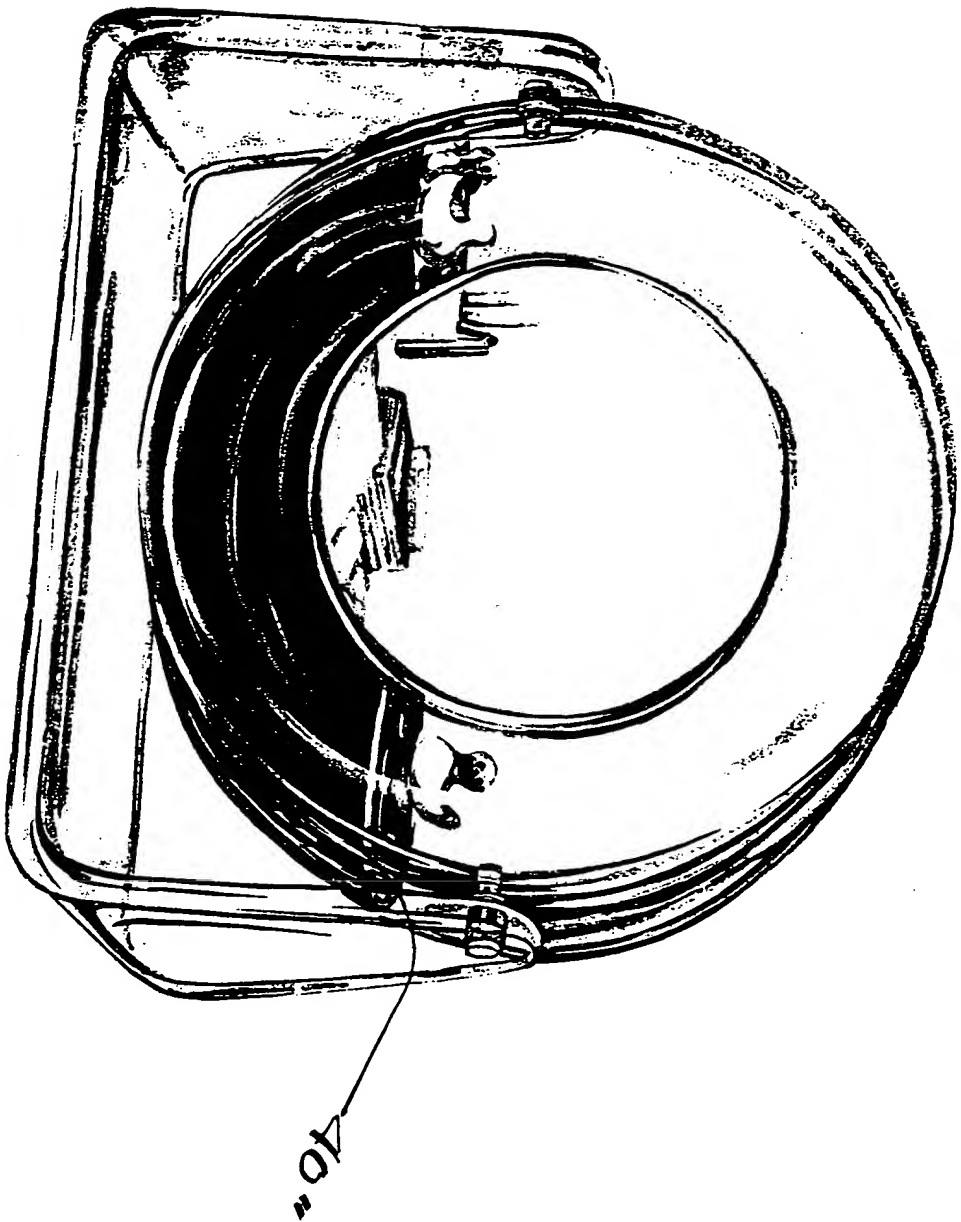


FIG. 41B

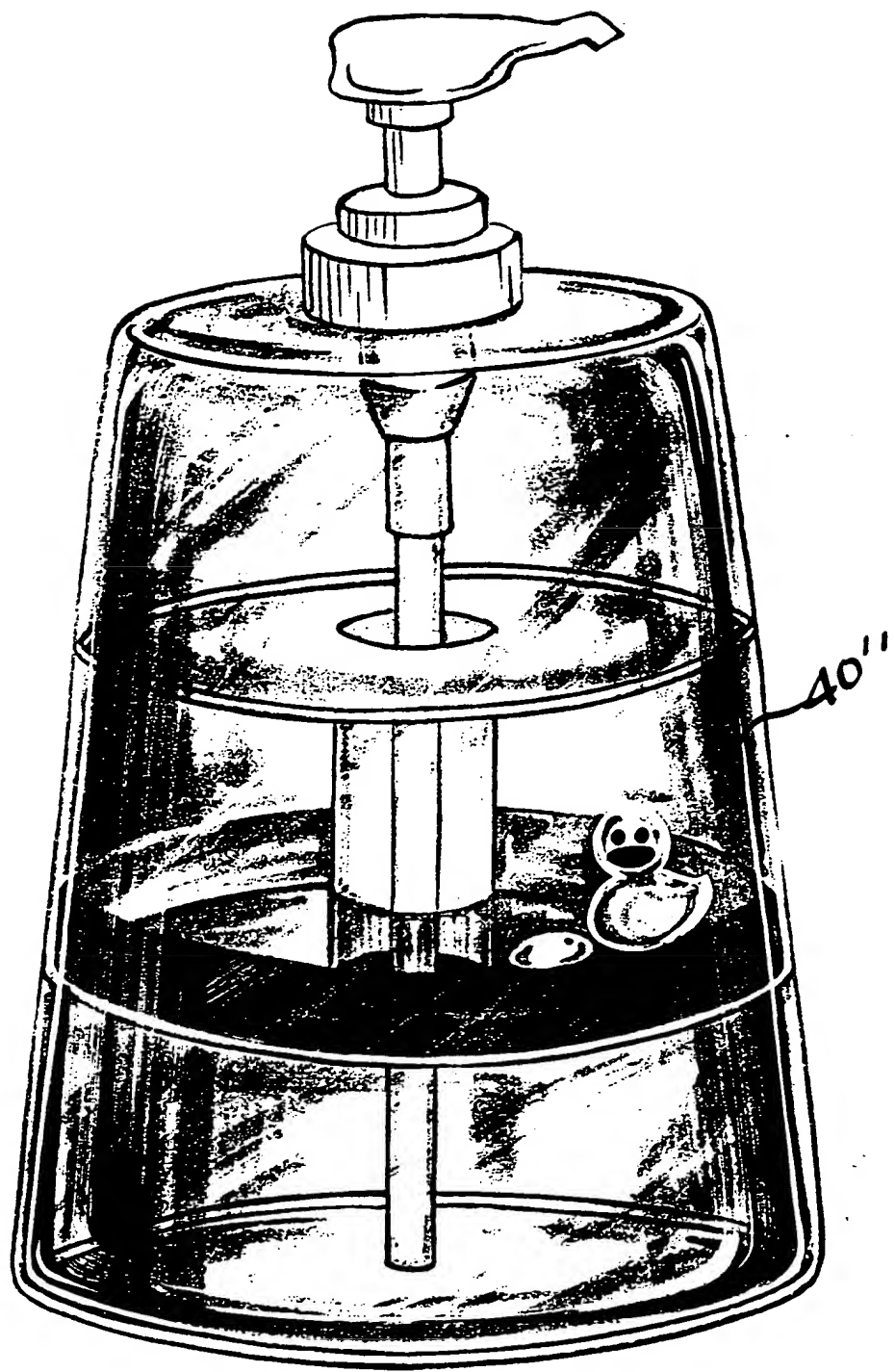


FIG. 42A

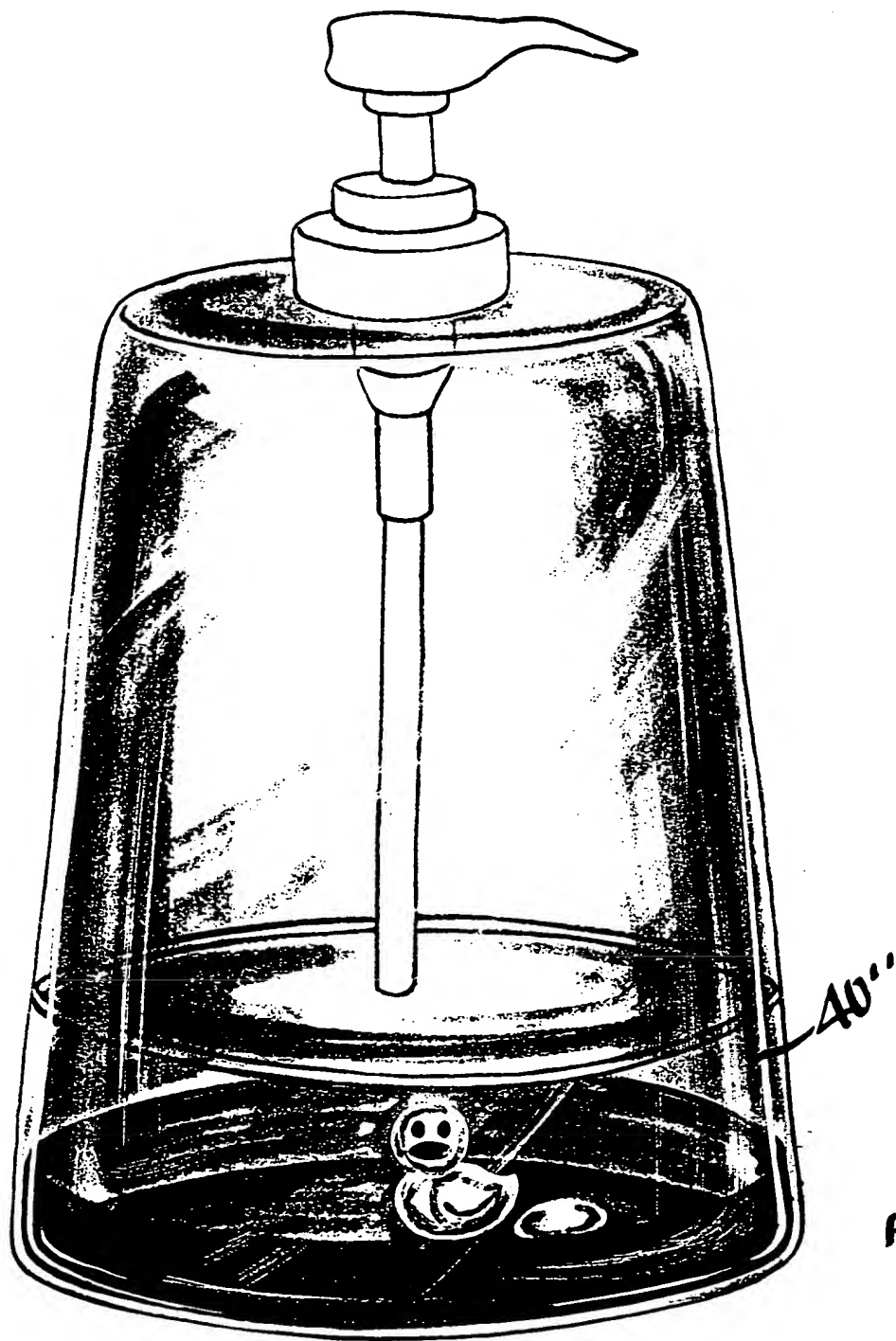


FIG. 42

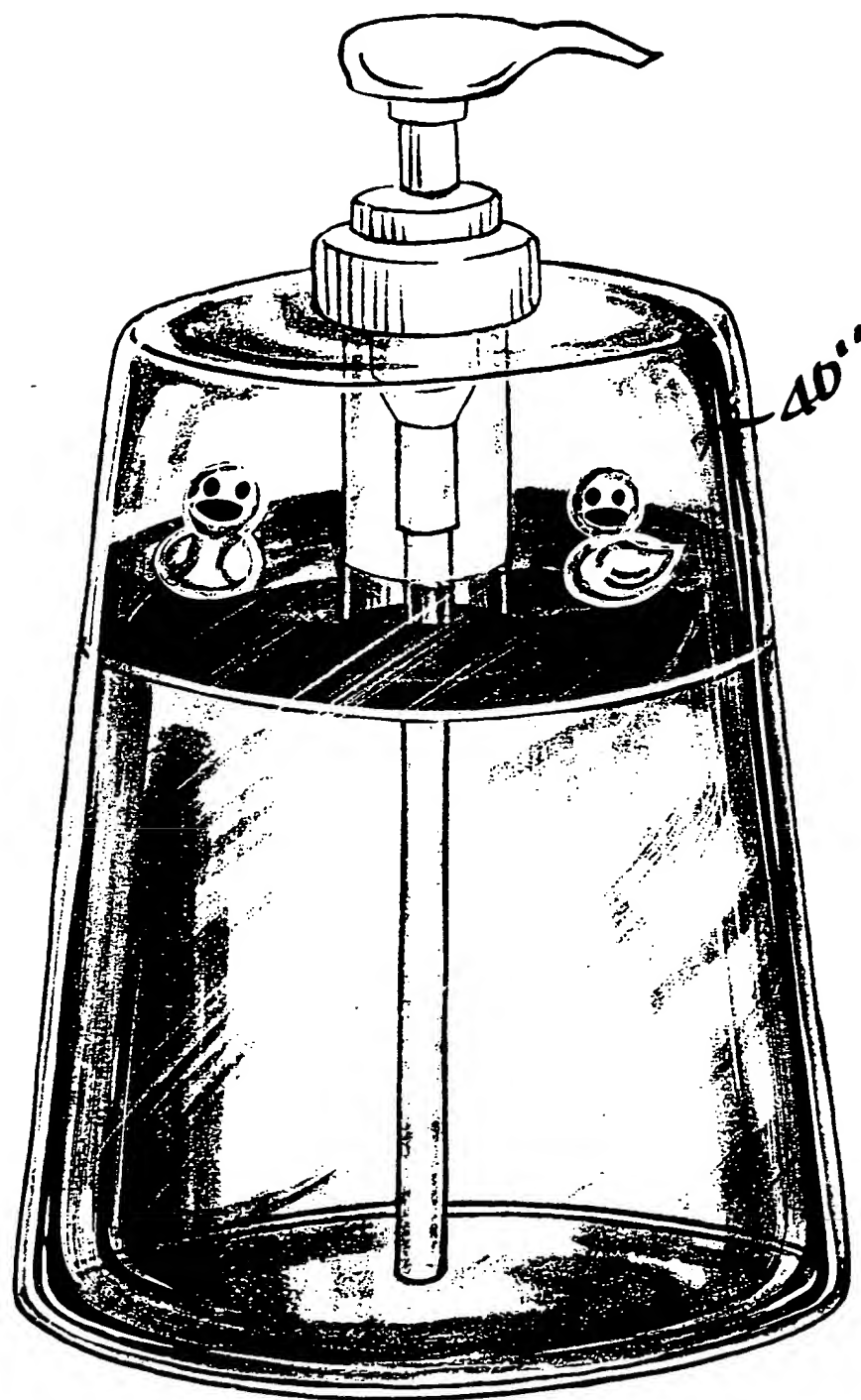


FIG. 42C

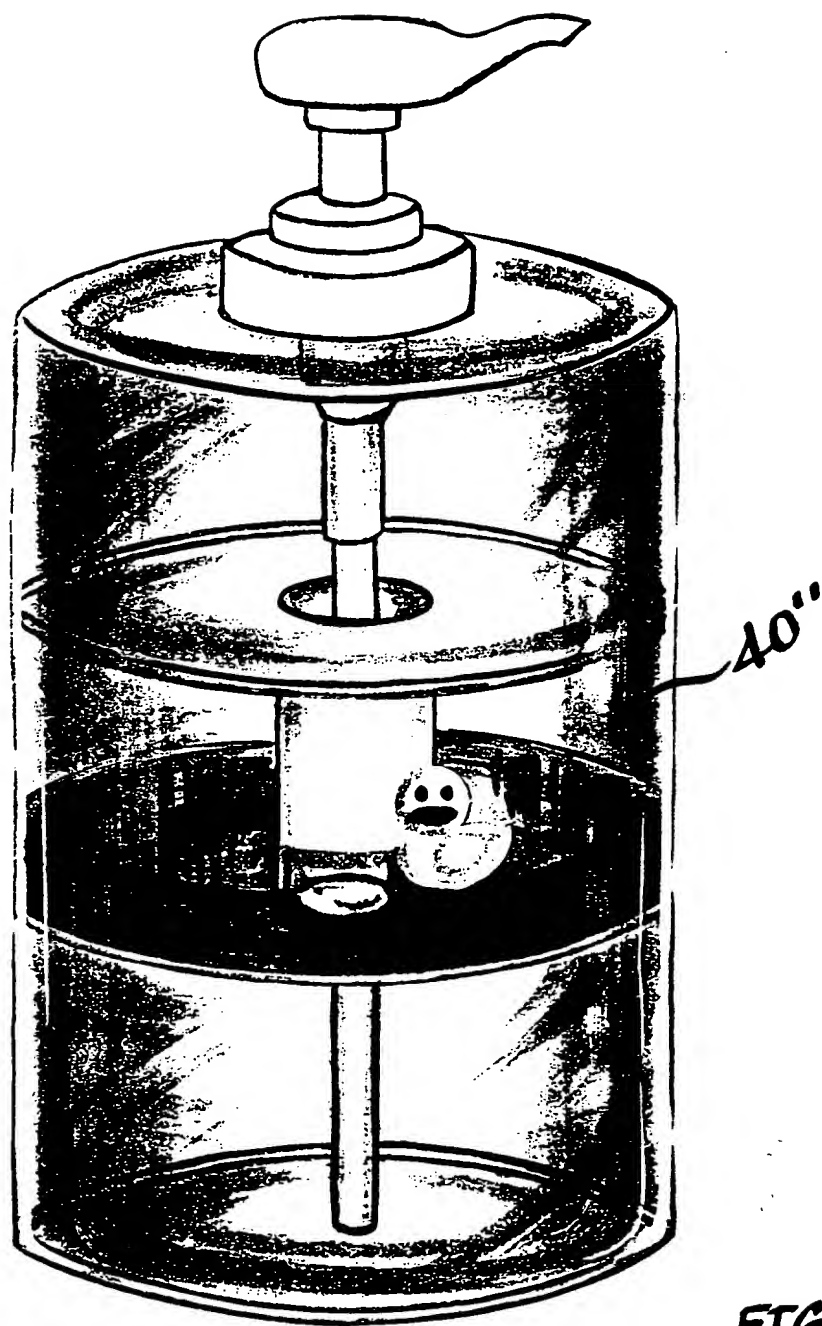


FIG. 42E

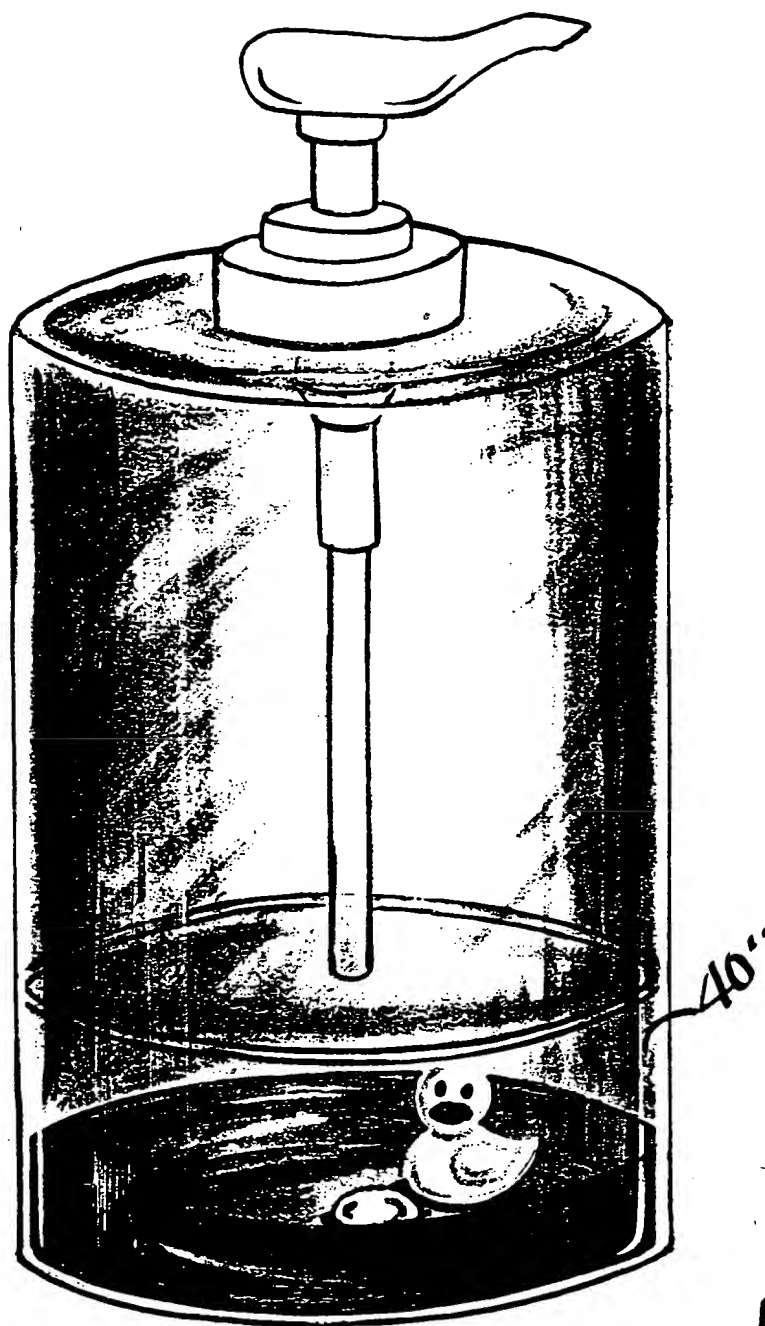
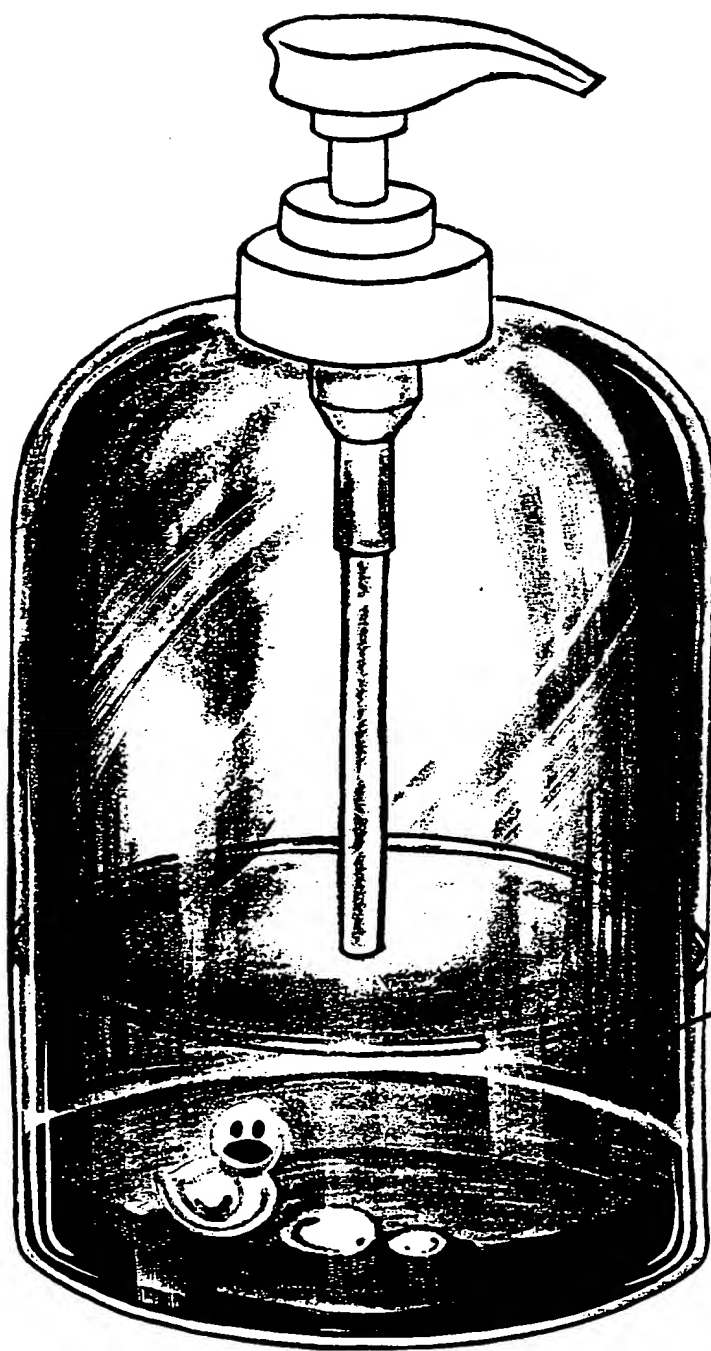


FIG. 42F



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FIG. 42G

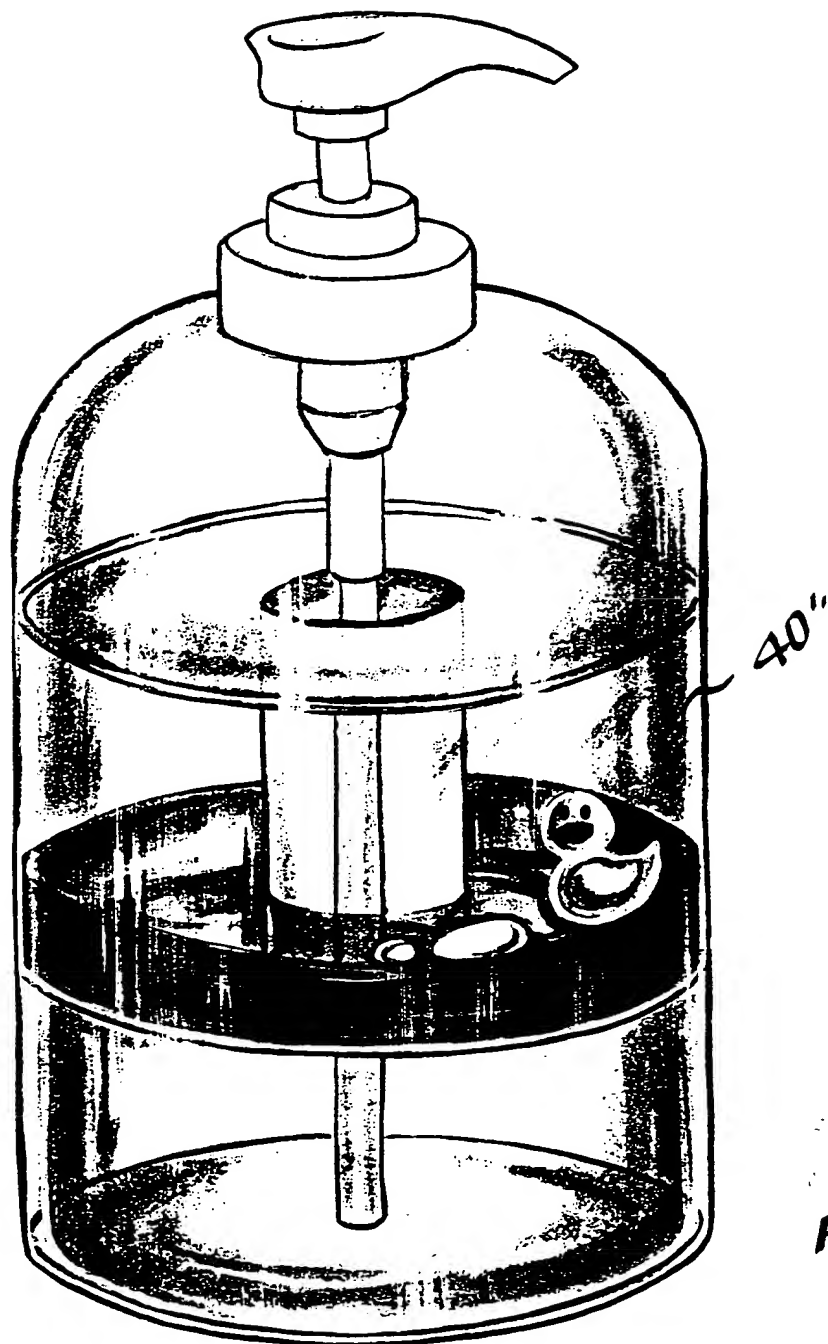


FIG. 42H

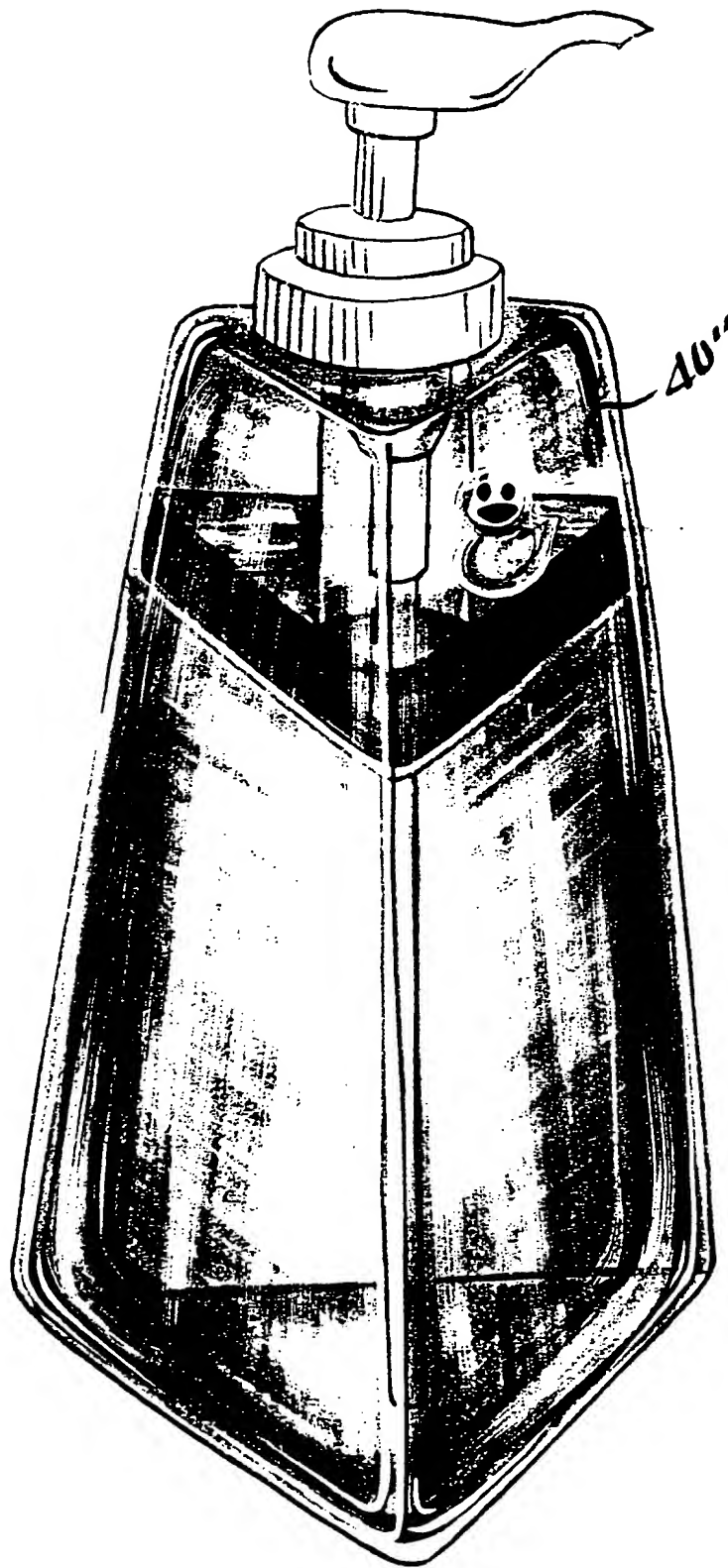


FIG 42J

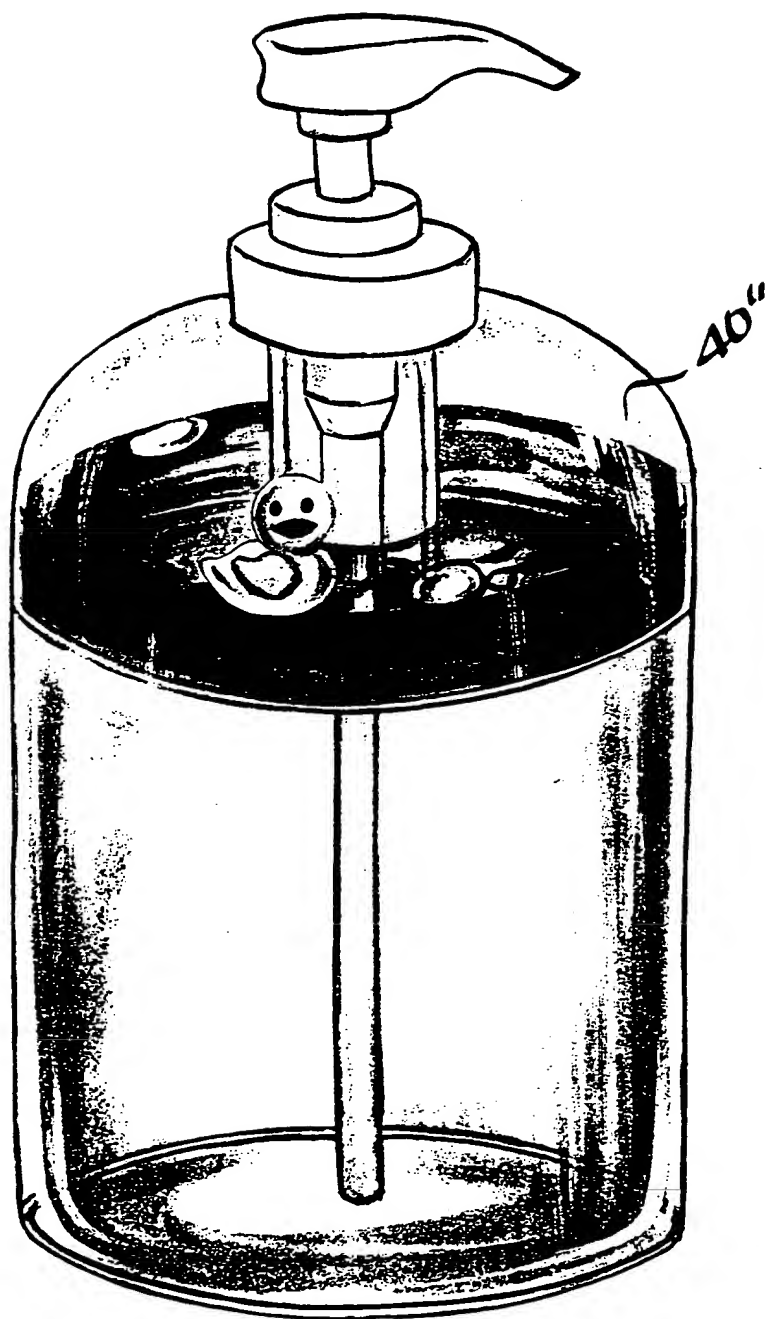


FIG. 42I

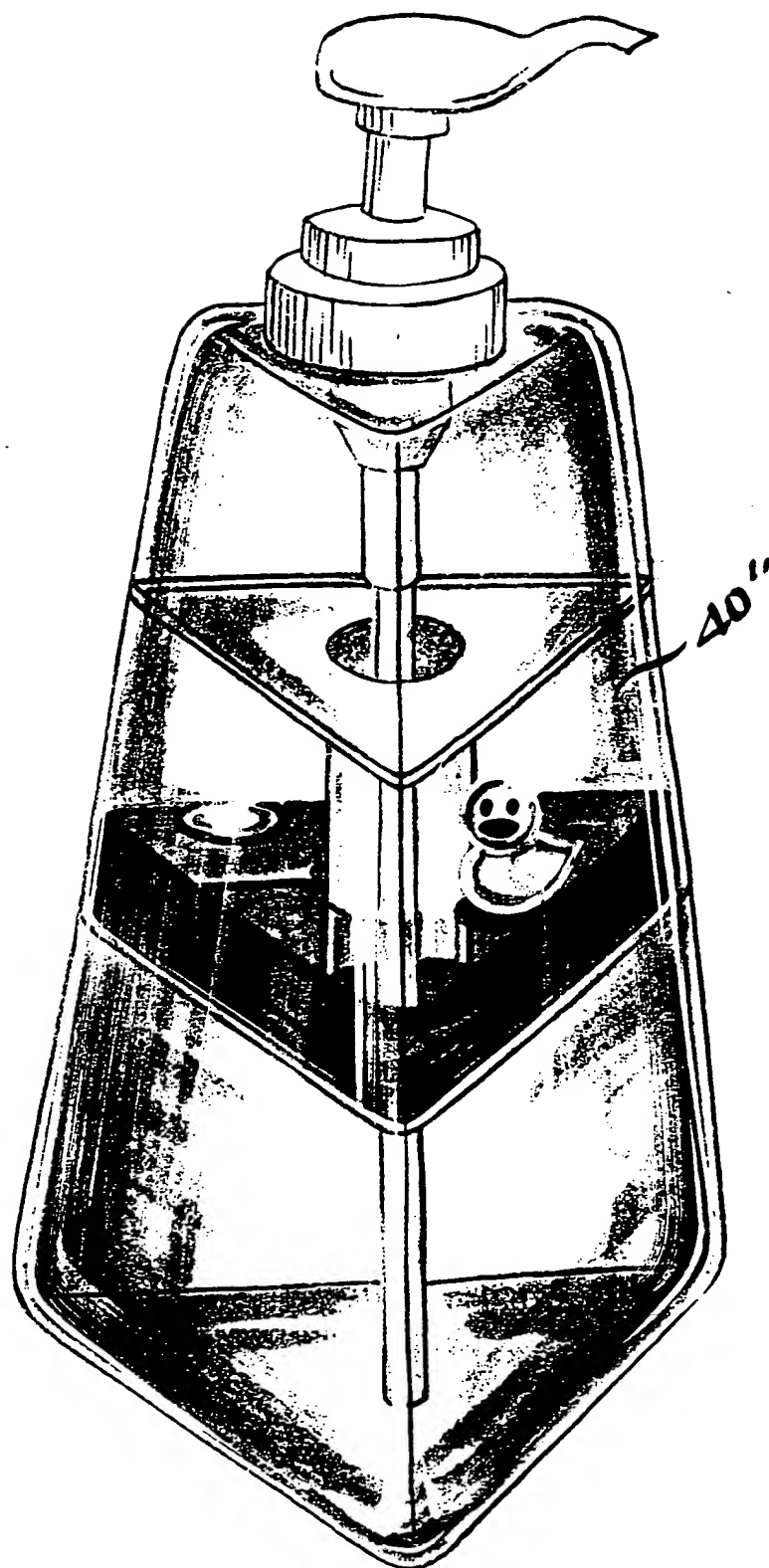


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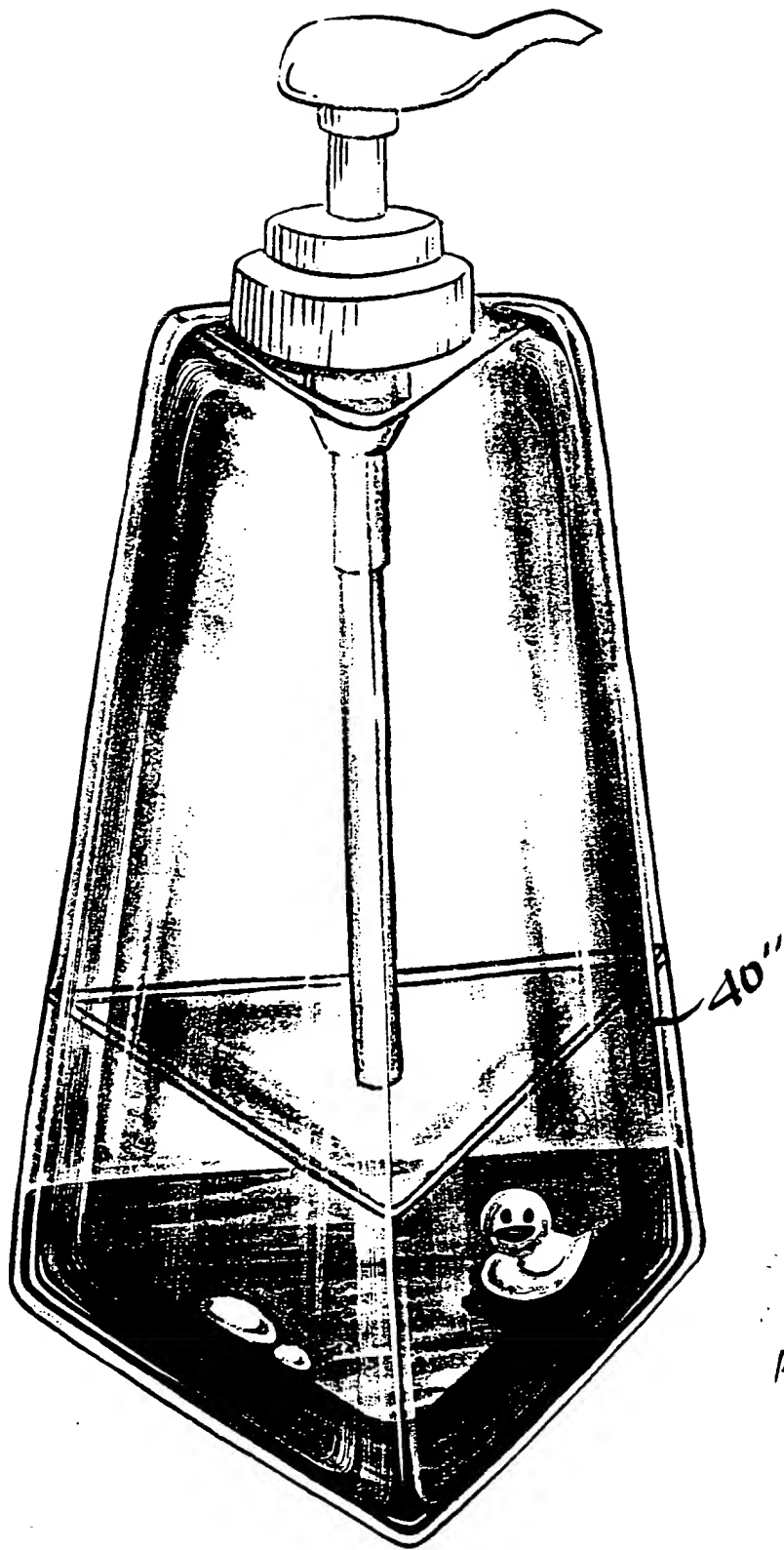


FIG. 42L

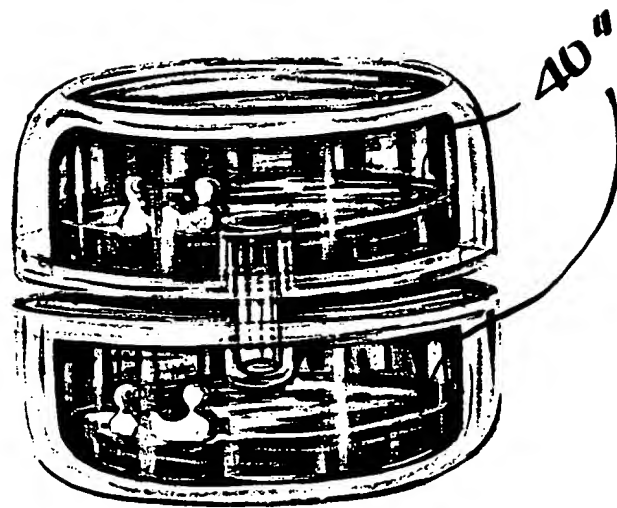
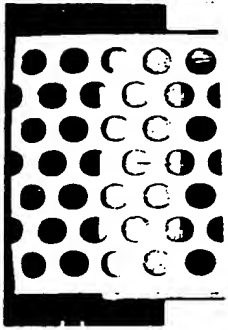
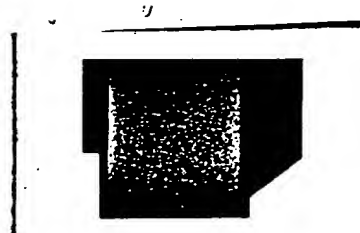
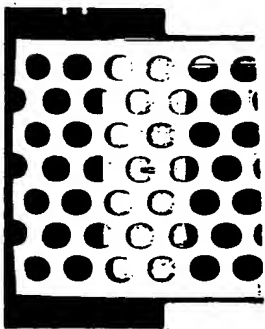
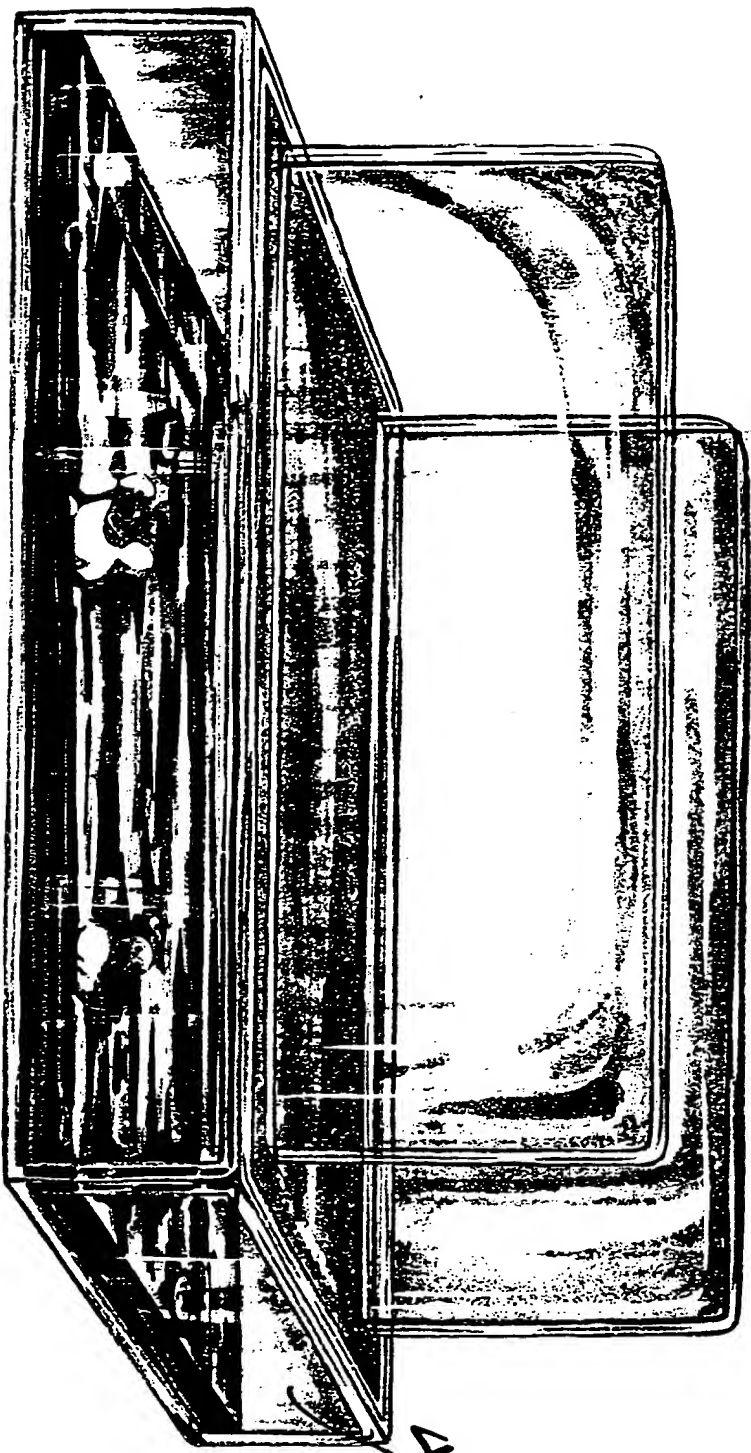


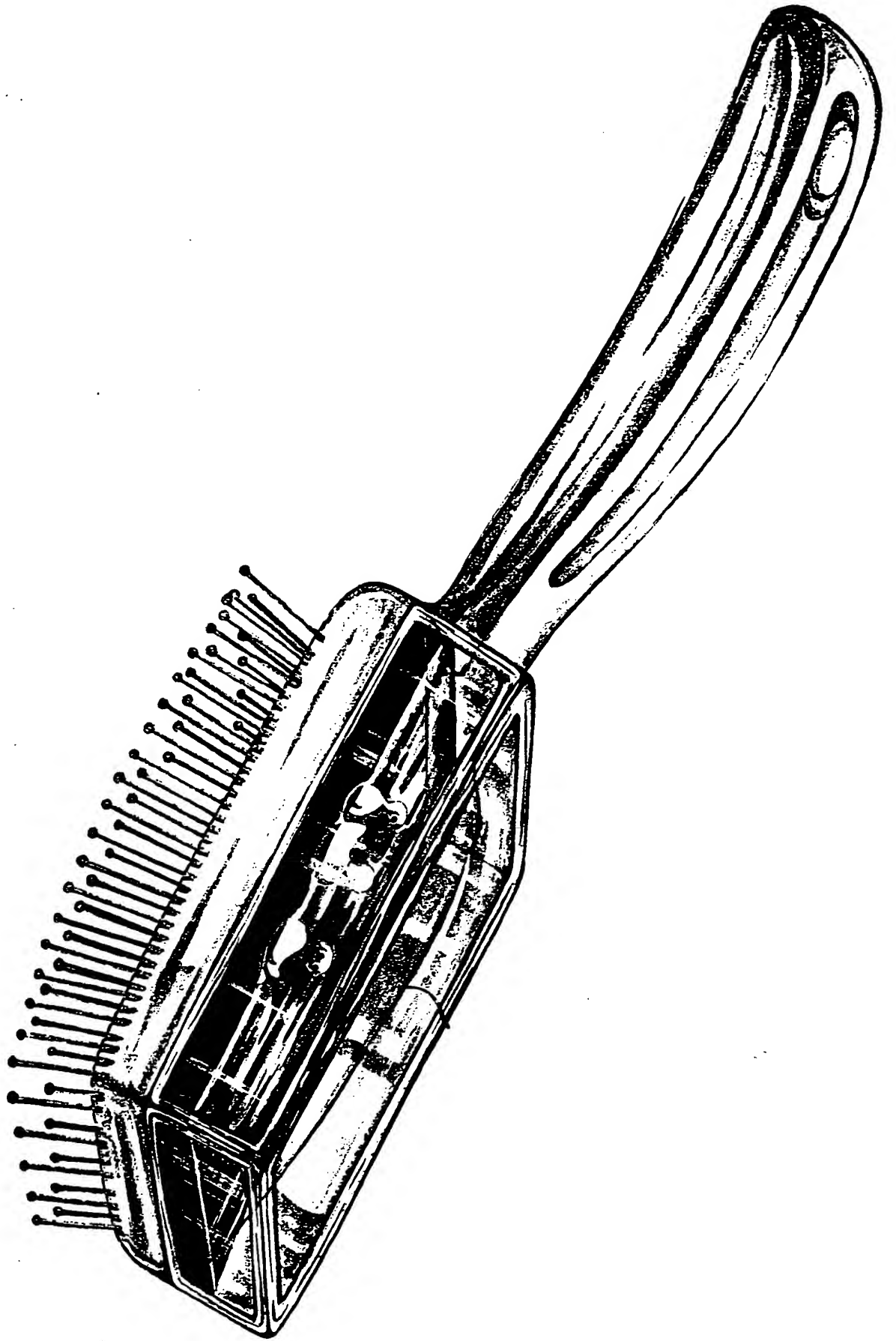
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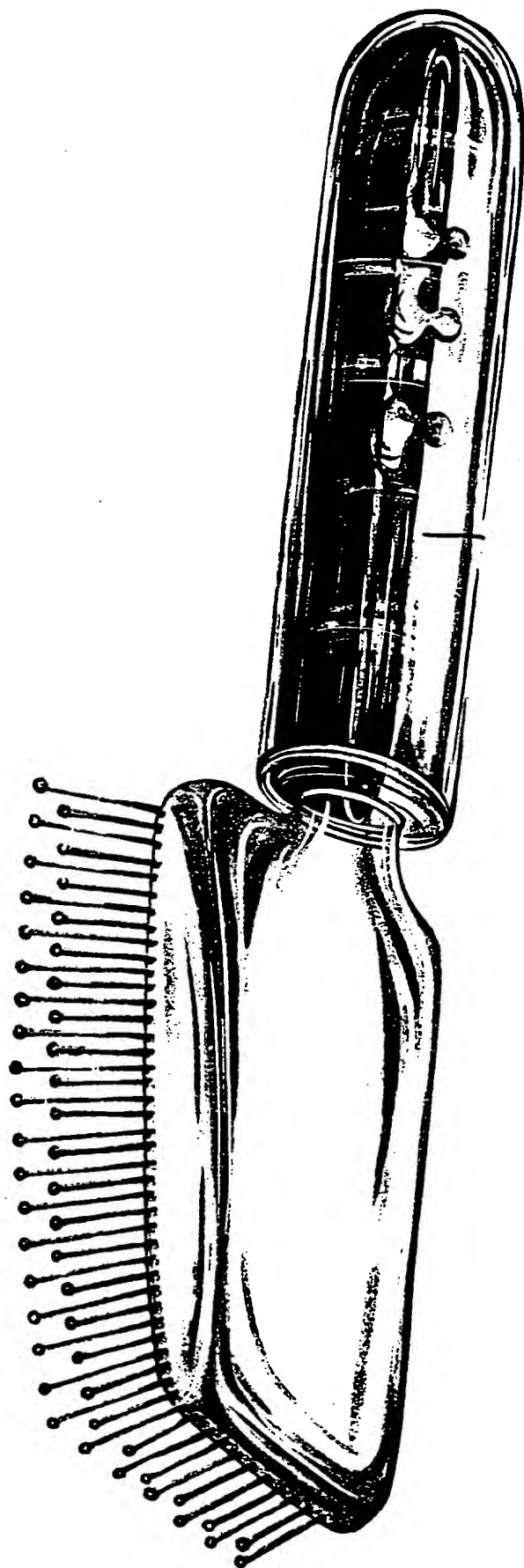




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FIG. 44





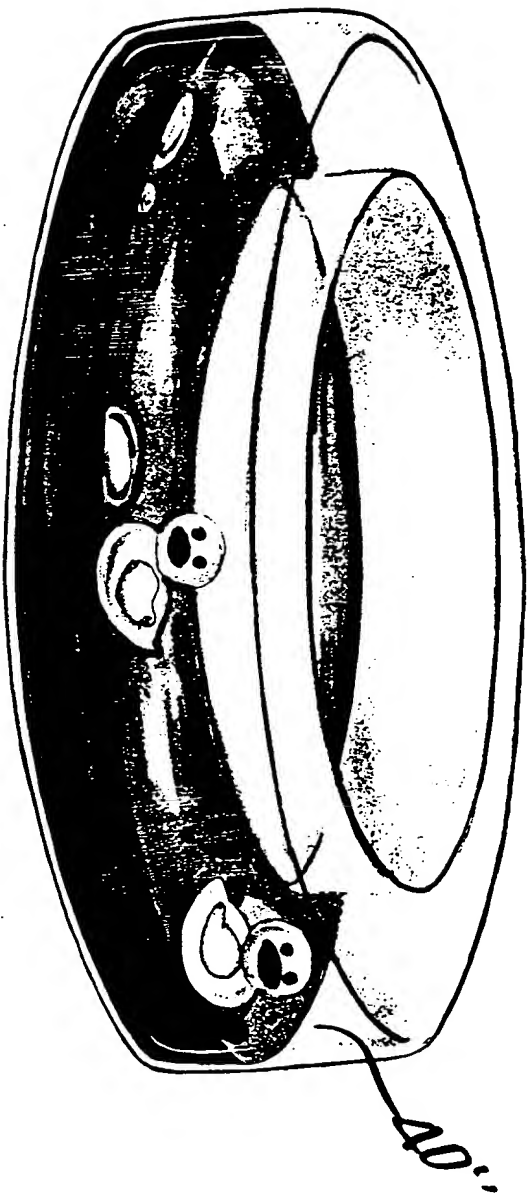
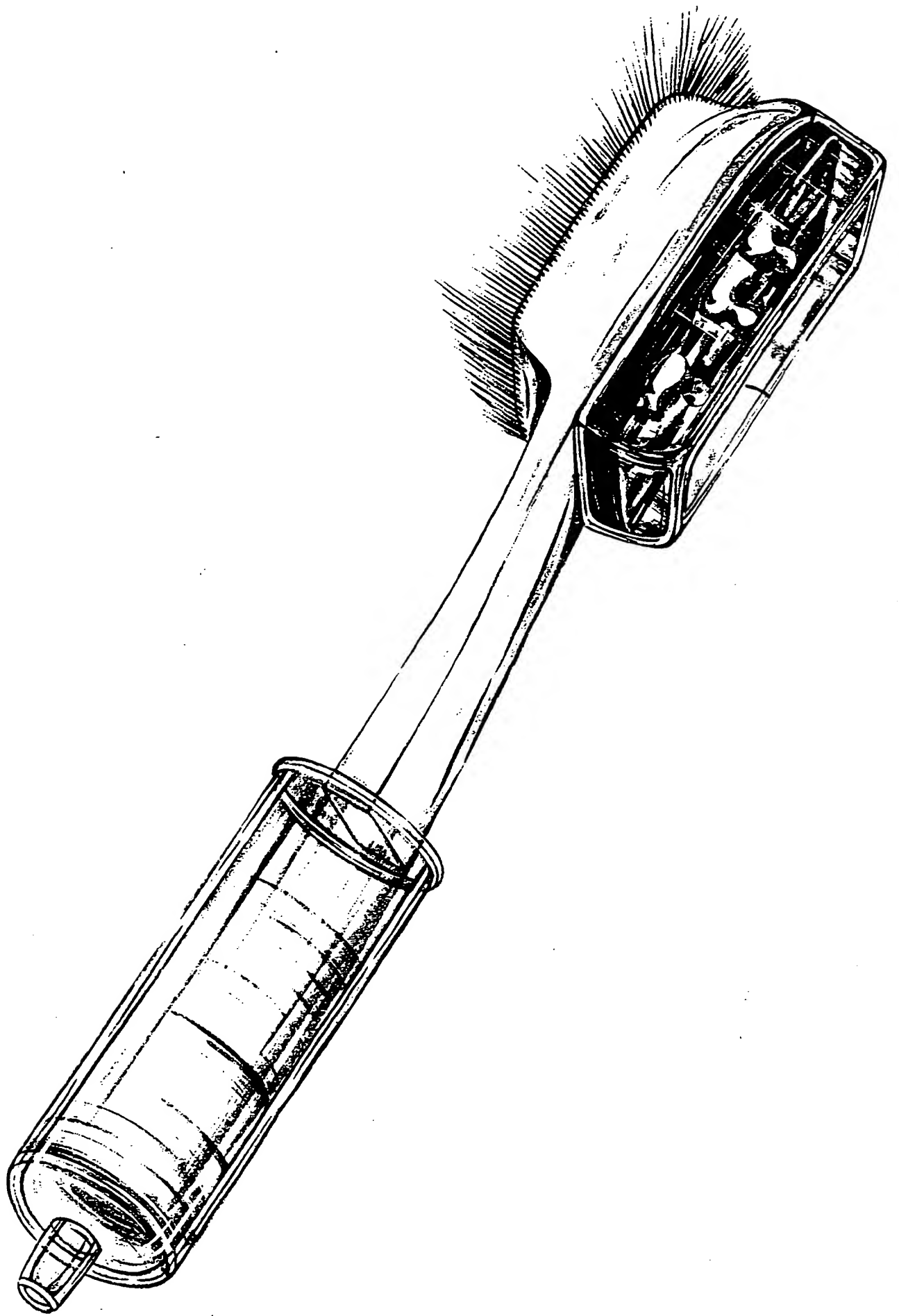


FIG. 46







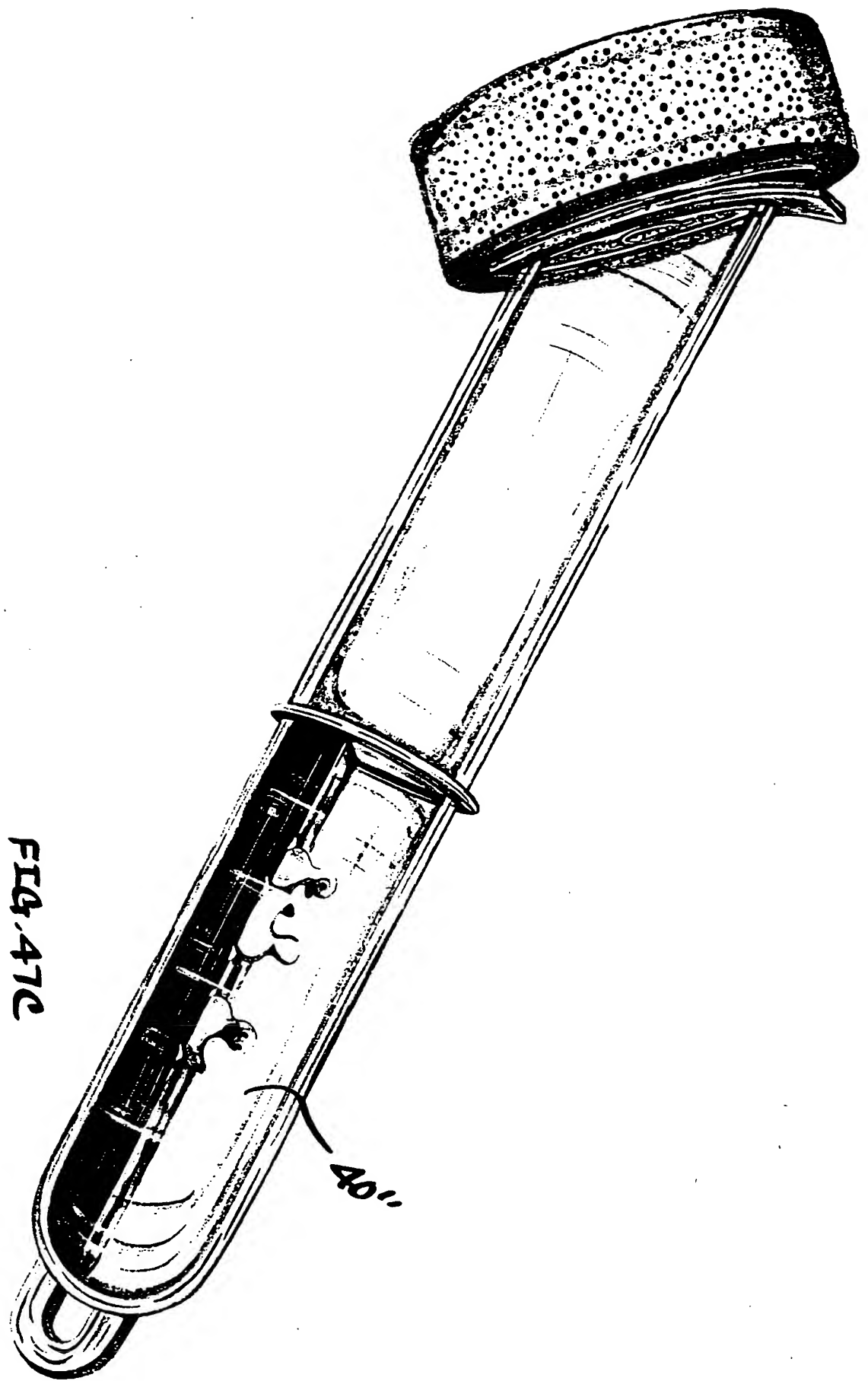
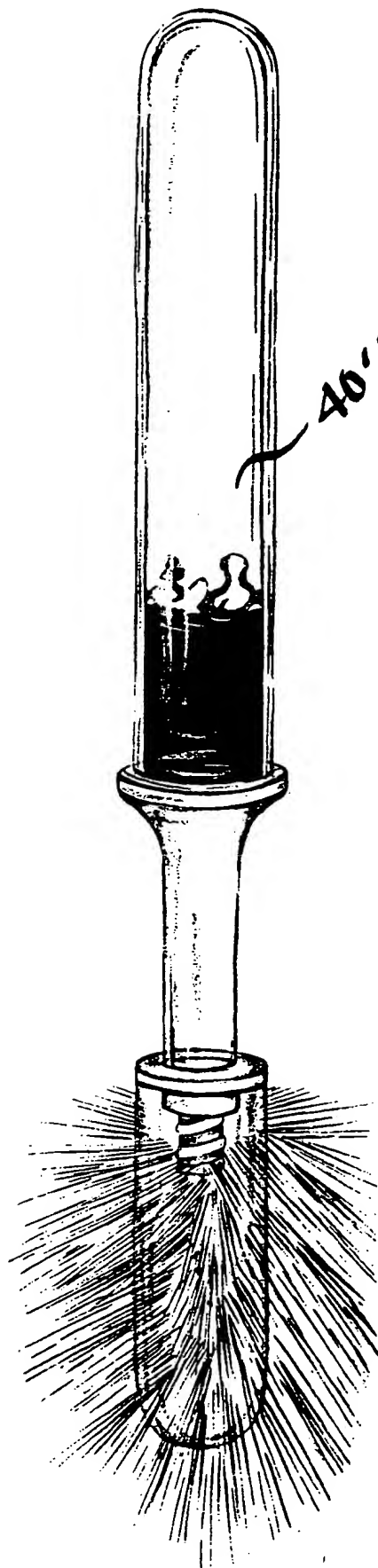


FIG. 47C

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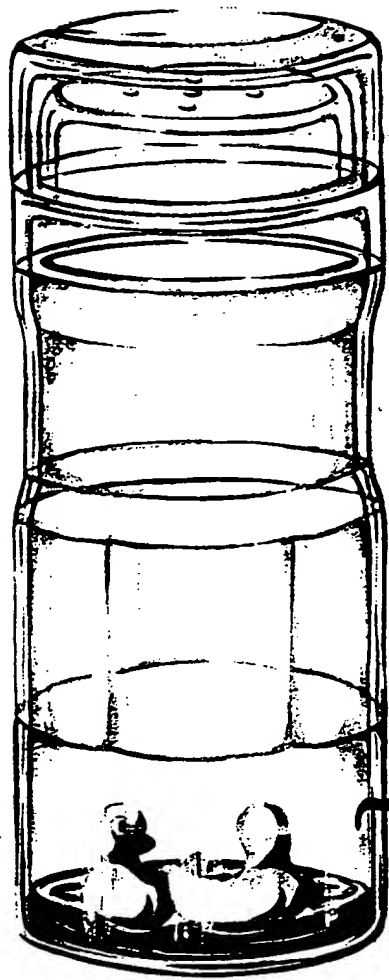
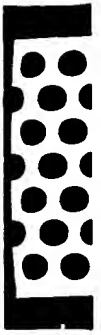


FIG. 49

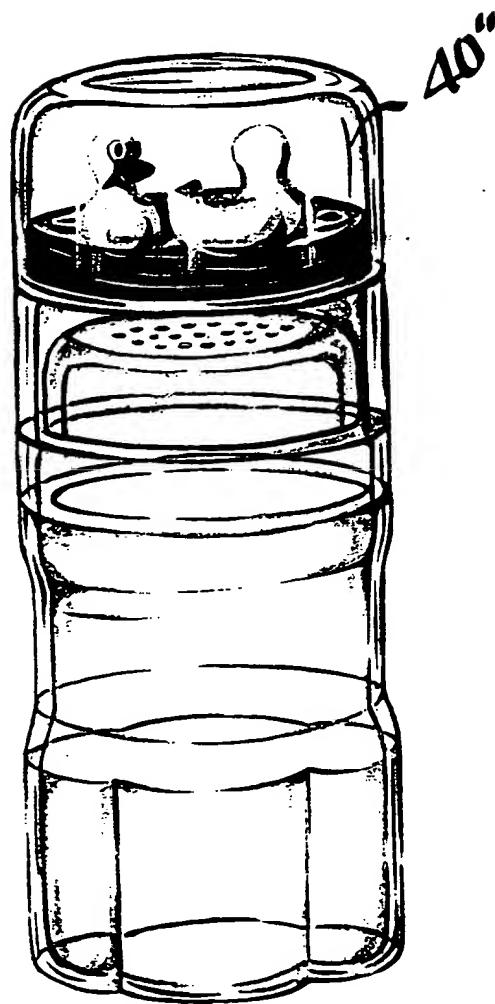


FIG. 50

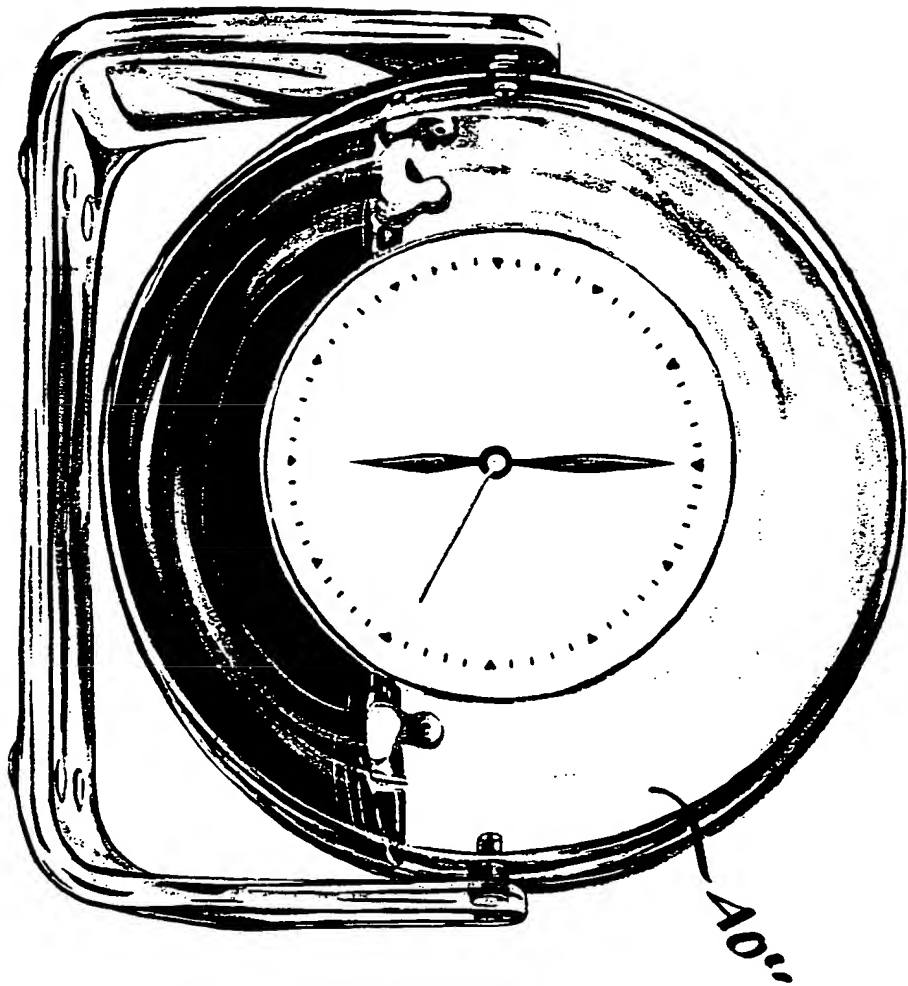


FIG. 51